

Minutes
Town of Yemassee Town Council
October 13, 2020 Town Council Meeting; 6:30PM
101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Colin Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem Peggy O'Banner, Councilmember Alfred Washington, Councilmember Simmons, Police Sergeant Michael Strauss, Town Clerk Matthew Garnes & Administrative Assistant Lori Mixson.

Absent: Council Member Hagan

Media Present: Lowcountry Inside Track Ltd.

Call to Order:

Mayor Moore called the Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:

Council Member Simmons gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent of the Agenda:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Second by Council Member Washington, all in favor. **Motion Passed**

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve as presented. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

New Business:

Mayor Moore read a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Yemassee. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt. Council Member Simmons made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.** Mayor Moore then presented a Proclamation to Officer Denise Pinckney, Crime Victims Advocate of the Yemassee Police Department.

Mayor Moore read a Proclamation declaring October 23rd – October 31st 2020 as Red Ribbon Week in the Town of Yemassee. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt. Council Member Simmons made the motion to adopt. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 20-06, Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Town Clerk to Expend Certain Funds as Required as Match for a recently awarded Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Garnes explained that this is authorization to commit match funds for the water & sewer project. Mr. Garnes advised the \$9400 match will be split by LRWS by 50%. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 20-07, Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Town of Yemassee GIS Data Exchange / Distribution Policy. Mr. Garnes briefed the Council about the proposed policy. At the beginning of the budget year a GIS vendor was contracted by the Town to provide its GIS / Mapping services. Since the Town is the owner of the data, controls need to be in place for what other entities request and obtain the data. Interested parties may include Utilities, Telecom and Land planners. Council Member Washington made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-07. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read Resolution 20-08, Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Town Clerk to issue an RFP for Engineering Services for the newly awarded grant. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt Resolution. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read the proposed Ordinance 20-16, Amending the Town of Yemassee Code, Chapter 5, Section(s) 5.601 through 5.619 titled "Flood Damage Control" and turned over discussion to Mr. Garnes. Mr. Garnes explained that this Ordinance replaces the existing Town Ordinance on flooding and brings it in line with what South Carolina Department of Natural Resources considers the most up to date version. This all came down subsequent to FEMA adopting new FIRM maps for Beaufort County. SC DNR advised that our ordinance is extremely outdated and needs to be updated as well as adopt copies of the new FIRM maps prior to March 23, 2021, which is when they go into effect. If it was to remain as is, the Town would be suspended from the NFIP program. Council Member O'Banner made the motion to approve first reading on Ordinance 20-16. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-17, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 2.00 Acres at 84 Reeves Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-204. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-18, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 0.50 Acres at 244 Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-247. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Simmons. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-19, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 3.00 Acres on Louis Davis Road, Hampton County TMS: 197-00-00-025. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member O'Banner made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member Washington. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Mayor Moore read proposed Ordinance 20-20, Consideration of an Ordinance Approving Annexation of Approximately 0.40 Acres at 80 Cochran Street, Hampton County TMS: 198-00-00-106. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve first reading. Council Member Washington made the motion. There was no discussion. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Department Reports

Police Department – SGT. Strauss had no report

Administration – Mr. Garnes gave a brief summary of the areas that will be impacted by the new Water & Sewer grant. Council Member O'Banner commented that the public notice signs posted on the properties to be Annexed is a great idea since many people don't know where a map number of a parcel is, this is a great way to let them know. There is a food distribution this Friday and COVID-19 testing all day October 22 – 24th.

Public Works – None

Municipal Court - None

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment

Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Washington made the motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member O'Banner. All in favor, **Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 PM**