

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.  
DR. JOHN M. THOMASON LIBRARY  
404 EAST HAMPTON STREET,  
OLANTA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

Mary M. Huggins, Mayor  
Lossie J. Hyman, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rachel H. Campbell, Council Member  
Mitchell L. Sims, Council Member  
Daniel "Levi" Mims, Council Member

**ABSENT:**

None

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a notice of the regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council was posted on the door of the Olanta Town Hall. A notice of the regular meeting was also provided to members of the public requesting copies. An ad representative from the *Lake City News & Post* was also notified of the regular town council meeting.

Mayor Huggins called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro-Tem Hyman provided the invocation, and Mayor Huggins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Huggins welcomed everyone attending the meeting and welcomed Council Member Mitchell Sims to his first meeting as an Olanta Town Council Member.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

Mayor Huggins requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the November 1, 2016 regular town council meeting. Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Mims seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Huggins requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Mims made a motion Council approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting of Town Council. Council Member Campbell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**MAYOR'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Huggins welcomed special guest, Dr. Cutina Barrineau, Principal of Olanta Elementary School, along with staff members, to the meeting. Mayor Huggins recognized the school for all the hard work they are doing and wanted the town to join in the activities for Red Ribbon Week to be celebrated on October 23-30, beginning with a proclamation from the town. A student from the school informed council of the activities that would be going on during that week.

Mayor Huggins also proclaimed October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the town of Olanta. The proclamation was read by the mayor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE COMPARISION - AUGUST 2016</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER 2016</b>	<b>8/31/2016</b>	<b>9/30/2016</b>	<b>9/30/2015</b>
<b>OPERATING CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$31,383.20</b>	<b>\$34,878.47</b>	<b>\$38,698.59</b>
<b>TOWN RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$172,292.29</b>	<b>\$200,229.30</b>	<b>\$255,477.53</b>
<b>***TOTALS***</b>	<b>\$203,675.49</b>	<b>\$235,107.77</b>	<b>\$294,176.12</b>

**INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT:**

<b>INCOME for SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$62,011.74</b>
<b>EXPENSES for SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$52,552.76</b>

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Councilman Mims gave a report on water and sewer. He reported that the lift station in Lake City went down due to storm issues. Mr. McGee was able to get the issued fixed and everything is working properly.

This past Sunday, the pump in Olanta went down. Mr. McGee seems to think it's due to the limbs on the power line. Duke will be contacted to try to take care of this situation.

There were two water leaks and both have been fixed. Mr. McGee had to replace the gaskets. There is another leak on Main St. that Mr. McGee will fix tomorrow. He thinks all it needs is a gasket, as well.

Mayor Huggins reported that there are 29 households on the cut-off list this month. Two of them paid in full, and 27 paid ½ or more to keep their water and sewer connection from being cut off. There is an outstanding balance of \$2700.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & RECREATION REPORT:**

MAYOR PRO-TEM LOSSIE J. HYMAN

Mayor Pro-Tem Hyman reported that Fall Football is going well. He was given and reported on the financial report for the Recreation Department. As of today, there was a balance of \$4,563.48.

Council Member Mims also told the council that the old concession stand had been fixed up for storage.

**OLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

CHIEF JACK CHAMBERLAIN

Chief Chamberlain reported that all had been quiet in Town for the month of September.

**GRANTS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER RACHEL H. CAMPBELL

Council member Campbell reported that Jay Graham and his team from Florence County Planning Department met with a group to brainstorm about what we see as goals for the town. His team will come up with a plan and meet with the committee again in a couple of weeks. Everyone was encouraged by what they had to say.

Council Member Campbell also reported that she wanted to get a committee together to begin recognizing and welcoming new families who move into town. This same committee would also

be responsible for recognizing one yard per month for having and maintaining a "beautiful" yard. There will be a special sign placed in the selected yard every month.

**EVENTS:**

COUNCILMAN MITCHELL SIMS

The Olanta Gator Festival is set for the last weekend in October. There will be a volunteer meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 at the Town Hall. Everyone is asked to attend that would be willing to help. This year there will be a bake-off instead of a wing contest. This should help attract some of our senior citizens. Judges will be from both out of town and Olanta. Applications will be out shortly. There will be "Trunk or Treat" again this year. Hopefully, we can get more churches and businesses involved. He reported that there are a lot of other events in the works for the future.

**GRANTS:**

MAYOR MARY M. HUGGINS

Mayor Huggins gave a report on all current projects in the Town. The 341 Well and Water Treatment Plant, Miscellaneous water lines, and Hood St. Water line will all be contracted out at the same time to save money. At present, we are waiting on the land purchase for the water treatment plant, which should be closed on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Once this is done, the town can advertise for bids for contractors. All permits have been received except the DOT encroachment permit. When they receive proof of land ownership, this permit should be approved.

A RIA grant was submitted on September 12, 2016 for additional funds for the 200,000 gallon water tank. We are waiting on approval for funding.

New Town Hall Update: The contractor has finished his work. The upstairs is being painted. The next step is to get a phone system in and to order furniture.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

THERE WAS NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Huggins asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Mims made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Campbell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.