

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 2, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Town Hall
103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Levi Mims, Mayor Pro Tem
Josh Jones, Council Member

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.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Welch called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor Welch gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-THURSDAY, February 2, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the February 2, 2023, regular town council meeting. Council member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Mims seconded the motion. The agenda for the February 2, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2023, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023, regular meeting of Town Council. Mayor Pro Tem Mims seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2023, SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 special town council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mims made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 19 2023 special town council meeting. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Woody Floyd was chosen for Yard of the Month.

Old Business

SRF GRANT LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT

Mayor Welch informed the council that the Hampton Street lift station is finished. Mayor Welch informed the council that the Alice Myers lift station will be finished the week of February 6 with final walk through on February 8 at 11am.

NEW SRF GRANT

Mayor Welch informed the council that Eastern Engineers is waiting on the surveyors. The replacement of the line behind the Citizens Bank has been approved.

New Business

- A. **Community Center Planning.** Mayor Welch informed the Council that the contract with Gilbert Construction for \$30,000 is just to get a set of plans to build the Community Center. Mayor Welch is requesting a rendering of the project.
- B. **Waste Management Increase Request.** Mayor Welch informed the council that the profit margins are too small to consider this request at this time. Request is tabled.
- C. **First Reading of Code of Ordinance for Cable Franchises.** Mayor Welch executed the first reading of the Code of Ordinance for Cable Franchises. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Mayor Pro Tem Mims seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Third and Final Reading of Code of Ordinance Changes.** Mayor Welch executed the third and final reading of the Code of Ordinance changes. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Ordinance as read. Mayor Pro Tem Mims made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. **Mayor's Financial Report.** Attached.
- F. **Reports From Council**
 1. **Water and sewer report.** Mayor Pro Tem Mims informed Council that he is in talks with the DMV about repairing potholes.

2. **Public Safety.** Chief Horton informed the Council that the new police vehicle could be delivered as early as the end of February.
3. **Grants & Economic Development Report.**
 - i. **Gathering Spot Building Update.** Mayor Welch informed the Council that the town is waiting on the Architectural/Structural drawings from Callahan and Associates.
4. **Events Report.** Mayor Welch informed council that the events planning meeting has been changed to February 21, 2023. Mayor Welch informed the Council that The Collard Cook Off is scheduled for February 18, 2022, from 10am-2pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dickie Kirby addressed the Council about an Olanta Family Day at the ballpark. Mayor Welch informed Mr. Kirby that the ball park fell under the jurisdiction of Florence County Recreation. Mayor Welch is to get Jason Springs in contact with Mr. Kirby.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Welch asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Pro Tem Mims seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned.



MAYORS FINACIAL REPORT

Money On Hand---\$75,869.78

Invoices to be paid---~\$5,000.00

Accounts Receivable---\$20,087.15

Total---\$92,869.78

Beautification---\$24,208.97

OWLs Account---\$4,103.41

ODC---\$20005.17

ARP Fund Account---\$262,517.45 (I still need to put \$14782.55 to have the amount)

Loan for Hwy 341 Well-\$106,981.04