

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Levi Mims

Marsha Jordan

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. Stacy Johnson gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-THURSDAY, February 1, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the February 1, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Mims made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the February 1, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Mims made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024, regular meeting of Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Stacy Johnson – 213 Liberty St.

Old Business

A. SRF GRANT 210006-04 LEAD/COPPER LINE INVENTORY

Mayor Welch informed the council that Eastern Engineering has submitted the paperwork for all permits from DOT. The project will be out for bid in February.

B. SCIIP GRANT A-23-C154 WATER EXPANSION UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the council that the surveys are done, and the project should go out for bids in April 2024 with a June 2024 start date. Close out in December of 2025

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the estimated time of completion is April 2024.

D. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council the town is waiting on delivery. Ordered in November 2023. Estimated 9-month manufacture time. Funding from USDA.

E. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the town is waiting on plans from Kim Etheridge. The lot has been surveyed.

F. POLICE TRUCK PURCHASE AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE.

Mayor Welch informed the council that a new police vehicle has been purchased using a grant from Senator Reichenbach’s office. The vehicle is being upfitted currently. Once upfitted, the town will start the process of hiring a new police officer. Mayor Welch is checking into the COPS grant to help fund a new officer.

NEW BUSINESS

A. OLD LIBRARY LISTED.

Mayor Welch informed the council that the old library was listed with Kenneth Coker. It is zoned commercial.

B. CC&I PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING AND ZONING.

Mayor Welch informed the council that we are currently using Florence County for the town’s planning and zoning needs. CC&I will do what Florence County is doing now and this would give the town more control over planning and zoning. A decision will be made at the next council meeting.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Member Jordan is heading the committee for creating the rules and regulations for the community center. The other committee members will be appointed at the next council meeting.

D. MAYORS FINANCIAL REPORT

Not available.

E. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. WATER AND SEWER REPORT.

Mayor Welch informed the council that the pump went out at the Avondale station. Industrial Rewind is repairing the pump.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT.

Chief Barfield informed the council that the town has inherited body cams from Clarendon County.

3. GRANTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

No report.

4. EVENTS REPORT

- a. Events planning meeting will be scheduled at next council meeting.
- b. Thursday Night Live is scheduled for April 25, June 27, Aug 29, & Oct 24

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Jennifer Kennedy asked about the status of the old car wash on the corner of Hampton and Jones Rd.

Mr. Stacy Johnson asked about the collection of dog waste by their owners when being walked.

ADJOURN

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