

**THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Town of Olanta Town Hall**  
**103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114**

**PRESENT:**

Michael W. Welch, Mayor  
Marsha Jordan  
Levi Mims, Mayor Pro-Tem

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. Mrs. Tony Felder gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, June 6, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the June 6, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Mims made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The agenda for the June 6, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Mims seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: **Aaron Smith – 217 Liberty St.**

## Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that Warwick Plumbing won the bid for the Project. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve Warwick Plumbing's bid for the project. Council member Jordan made a motion to accept the bid. Council Member Mims seconded the motion. The bid was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the town is still waiting on the DOT permit. Once the permit is received, the project will go out for bid.

### C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that completion is close. The town hopes to use the building during the June 27th Thursday Night Live.

### D. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that there are no new updates. Expected delivery still in July.

### E. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council bids were being accepted for the asbestos testing on the remaining bricks. Once the winning bid is accepted and the test are performed, the project will move forward.

### F. OLD LIBRARY

Mayor Welch informed the council that the offer of \$25,000 fell through. A new offer of \$15,000 was tabled.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER MARSHA JORDAN

Mayor Welch informed the council that the town attorney suggested a conciliable weapons section be added. Mayor Welch executed the reading of the added conciliable weapons section. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the rules and regulations as read. Council member Jordan made a motion to accept the rules and regulations as read. Council member Mims seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### B. FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE-FIRST READING

Mayor Welch executed the final reading of the fiscal year 2025 budget ordinance. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the fiscal year 2025 budget ordinance first reading as read. Council member Jordan made a motion to accept the ordinance as read. Council member Mims seconded the motion. The fiscal year 2025 budget ordinance final reading was unanimously approved.

**C. ADDITION OF NEW PART TIME EMPLOYEE TO WORK WITH GREG**

Mayor Welch requested the approval to hire a new part-time clerk for 24 hours a week. The council unanimously approved.

**D. 5 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENTION WITH LAKE CITY. DID WE GET A COPY?**

Mayor Welch requested that the Town Clerk, Greg Alexander request a copy of the signed agreement from the town of Lake City.

**E. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

Report attached.

**F. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

1. Water & Sewer – no report.
2. Public Safety – Police Chief Barfield informed the council that Philip Coker is on board and would be starting within the week.
3. Grants and Economic Development – No Report
4. Events Report
  - a. Next Gator Festival planning meeting to be determined at the next council meeting.
  - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the next Thursday Night Live is scheduled for Jun 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Welch asked Chief Barfield and Pete Webster to start putting the signs for the event out.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Toni Felder asked what the voting at the library the past week was for. She was informed it was early voting for the primary and that there were no town elections on the ballot.

**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 Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned.