

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Leighann Beard

Marsha Jordan

Josh Jones

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, March 7, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the March 7, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the March 7, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 01, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the February 01, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Beard made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Ken Coker – 215 Magnolia St.

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council the project was waiting to go out for bids.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project should go out for bids in April 2024.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that we are in the process of picking out paint colors and flooring.

D. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the town is waiting for 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 at Pee Dee COG.

F. POLICE TRUCK PURCHASE AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE.

Mayor Welch informed the council that the equipment is being installed on the new police truck.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MASC BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 1 READING/VOTE

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the ordinance. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The first reading of the ordinance was unanimously approved.

B. 5 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENTION WITH LAKE CITY -READING

Not accepted as written. Mayor Welch will ask The City of Lake City to add, “increases to be no more than the CPI for the previous year.”

C. CC&I PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING AND ZONING - DECISION

a. Safebuilt Contract

Mayor Welch and Council tabled the proposal.

D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Member Jordan informed the Mayor and Council of the four committee members selected. Tony Felder, Stacy Johnson, Ila McFadden and TD Rykard.

E. FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET-PLANNING STARTS

Mayor Welch informed the Council that he hopes to have the budget ready by the May Council meeting.

F. WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2024-UPDATED RATE

Mayor Welch informed the Council that he hopes to update the rates after the negotiations with Lake City on the sewer are finalized.

G. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Attached

H. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Mayor Welch informed the Council that there were leaks being repaired at Hyman Circle, in front of Elcheapo and Hampton St.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Barfield informed the council that the SRO (Ray) at Olanta Elementary was out sick for the next few weeks.

3. GRANTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

4. Events Report

a. Events planning meeting scheduled for 3/12/24.

b. Thursday Night Live is scheduled for April 25, June 27, Aug 29, & Oct 24

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURN

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