

**THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 2, 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  
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, May 2, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the May 2, 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 May 2, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 4, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the April 04, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Beard seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: **JIMMY HARRISON - 515 WEST MAIN**

C. WATER & WASTEWATER RATE ORDINANCE READING AND VOTE

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the Water & Wastewater rate ordinance. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Council member Jordan made a motion to approve the water & wastewater rate ordinance as read. Council member Beard seconded the motion. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that SCDHEC is requiring Lake City to pre-treat sewage that is pumped from Olanta. This was a change made to the original contract. The town has not received a copy of the changed contract.

E. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

No report available.

F. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer - Pete Webster informed the council that several leaks have been repaired recently.
2. Public Safety – Police Chief Barfield informed the council that Philip Coker has been hired as a new part-time officer and that Steve Phillips would be starting as a part-time officer around the middle of May.
3. Grants and Economic Development – No Report
4. Events Report
  - a. Mayor Welch informed the council that the last meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> went well. Bryant and Charlene McClendon will be managing the beauty pageant.
  - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the April Thursday Night Live went well. Approximately 300 people attended. The next Thursday Night Live is scheduled for Jun 27<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**MAYORS FINACIAL REPORT**

Money On Hand---\$41,366.22

Invoices to be paid---~\$12,000.00

Accounts Receivable---~\$12,767.21

Total---~\$42,133.43

Beautification---\$25,010.85

OWls Account---\$27,872.41 (Need to move Thursday Night Live funds over to Operating for current expenses)

ODC---\$2505.17 (Will put \$17,500.00 back in this account when we receive MASC Insurance Reimbursement)

ARP Fund Account---\$3,986.09 (Waiting on \$145,089.12 Reimbursement from Florence County, put \$128,224.79 back into account for \$277,300.00 total)

Loan for Hwy 341 Well-\$90,830.86 remaining

