

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Town Hall
103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Marsha Jordan
Josh Jones
Levi Mims

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, April 4, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the April 4, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the April 4, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the March 07, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Mims seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Craig & Tamara Floyd – 218 E. Hampton

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the permits have been acquired.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project should go out for bids in June of 2024 with the bids being opened in July. Project start date is Sept 2024 with the project completion date of Nov 2025.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the colors and flooring have been selected. Kitchen cabinets and appliances to be ordered. Project completion date end of April 2024 – May 2024

D. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the town is waiting for delivery. Ordered in November 2023. Projected delivery date in July 2024

E. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the Council of Governments has ordered an asbestos test on the remaining brick walls before proceeding with the bid process.

F. POLICE TRUCK PURCHASE AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE.

Mayor Welch informed the council that the equipment has been installed on the new police truck.

G. OLD LIBRARY

Mayor Welch informed the council that there has been no activity on the sale of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

A. HARRIET ROSE-PEE DEE COLITION AGAISNT DOMESTIC & SEXUAL ASSAULT

Mrs. Rose addressed the Mayor & Council about April being domestic and sexual assault awareness month.

B. MASC BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE 2 READING/VOTE

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

C. 5 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENTION WITH LAKE CITY -READING

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the contract. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the contract as read. Council member Mims made a motion to accept the contract as read. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The contract was unanimously approved.

D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER-MARSHA JORDAN

Council member Jordan briefed the Mayor and Council on the proposed rules and regulations. Mayor requested that Council member Jordan and committee revisit the proposed alcohol rules and pricing.

E. FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

Mayor Welch presented a printed copy of the proposed budget to the council for them to review before the first reading at the May council meeting.

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

Mayor Welch presented a printed copy of the proposed rate schedule for the council to review before implementation.

G. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report not available. Mayor Welch read the Fair Housing resolution at this point. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve the resolution as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

H. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Mayor Welch informed the Council that there were leaks being repaired at Hyman Circle and on Baker Street.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Barfield informed the council that the SRO (Ray) at Olanta Elementary should be back soon. Chief Barfield informed the council that he was working with Florence County Code Enforcement to learn the county codes.

3. GRANTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

4. Events Report

a. Events planning meeting scheduled for 4/16/24 at 6 pm.

b. Thursday Night Live is scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 6 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Jamie Coker addressed the Mayor and Council on her concerns about travel trailers, sheds (tiny homes) and junky yards.

ADJOURN

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