

**THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

**Town of Olanta Community Center**

**215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114**

**PRESENT:**

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Josh Jones

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.

Ms. Marsha Jordan gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for January 8, 2026, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the January 8, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 3, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: R. Van Godwin – 803 E Main St

## **Old Business**

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

Mayor Welch informed the council we have gotten the approval for additive #2. It will run from Carmon Short Cut Rd to Kelley Crossroad back to Olanta. Pipe was delivered. Waiting on the fittings and the hydrants. They plan to start in 2 weeks. Should be finished by July 2026.

### **B. SRF GRANT 210006-05 LEAD/COPPER/ASBESTOS LINE REPLACEMENT/WATER TANK REHAB**

Mayor Welch informed council that the project has not started yet. No bids have been taken for this project. That is about a mile of line to be replaced down Hampton St.

### **C. WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE**

Mayor Welch informed council that the water authority is still in the gathering information part.

### **D. GROCERY STORE – UPDATE**

Mayor Welch informed council that he spoke with a gentleman in Lake View. He was advised that opening a grocery store wouldn't be a good idea due to Walmart delivery and things like that will hurt the business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Mayor Welch inform council it was that time again to choose Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Jordan nominated Council member Jones as Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Jordan made a motion to approve this. Mayor Welch second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **B. SELECTION OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mayor Welch informed council that Mr. John Dubose was recently chosen to be the towns attorney. Mayor Welch made a motion to keep Mr. Dubose as the town attorney. Council member Jordan made a motion to approve this motion. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **C. SELECTION OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Mayor Welch informed the council that we currently use Poston, Moore & Moore. Mayor Welch made a motion to keep Poston, Moore & Moore as the towns attorney. Council member Jordan made a motion to approve the accountant. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. DUMPING ON RED RD**

Mayor Welch listened to the concerns of Pete about the dumping on Red rd.  
Mayor and council decided to put cameras out there before putting up a fence.  
Will discuss this again on the next meeting.

**E. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

Not Available.

**F. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

1. Water & Sewer –Not Available.
2. Public Safety –Not Available.
3. Grants and Economic Development – Mrs. Lynn asked if we have any 15,000 plus square foot buildings.
4. Events Report
  - a. Next Gator Festival – Waiting for Kay Moore.
  - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2026 Events – looking for sponsors

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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.