

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. SCIPP 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 replace 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 us 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.