

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Community Center
215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Josh Jones
Jason Floyd

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. Mr. Josh Jordan gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for June 4, 2026, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Floyd seconded the motion. The agenda for the June 4, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 14, 2026, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of May 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Floyd made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of May 14, 2026, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Steven Blankenship – 310 Magnolia

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council the only thing he is aware of ,that is being waited for, is the permit to operate the lines on Jones and Bethel rd.

B. SRF GRANT 210006-05 LEAD/COPPER/ASBSTOS LINE REPLACEMENT/WATER TANK REHAB

Mayor Welch informed council that Eddie sent an email to SRF. The line on Hampton had to be redone with a 8 in line. The drawing is done and should get approval here soon. Project has to be kicked off before September

NEW BUSINESS

A. SRF GRANT 2110006-06 NEW GRANT FOR WATER EXPANSION

Mayor Welch informed council that this grant will go from Kelley's crossroads to Starburst and Creek Rd. meet Coward water connection there and down Park ave and meet Barrineau water connection there. Bidding are taking place. Hope the project will started by the first of 2027.

B. WASTE MANAGEMENT RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION

Mayor Welch informed council that the 2027 rates go into effect in July. Was almost a 2 dollar increase on residential carts. Mayor Welch read the rates to the council. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the 2027 rates. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the rates. Council Member Floyd seconded the motion, and the 2027 rates were approved unanimously.

C. WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE DISSCUSSION

Mayor Welch informed council that he has already updated the website and send a letter in the next bill informing customers about rate changes. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the rate study increase. Council Member Floyd made a motion for Council to approve the rates. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the water/sewer rates were approved unanimously.

D. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Not Available

E. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer – Not Available
2. Grants and Economic Development – talked about up coming grants
3. Public Safety –Not Available.
4. Events Report
 - a. Next Gator Festival – everything is running smoothly
 - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2026 Events – Next event June 25th, 2026- Gary Lowder and the Smoking Hots

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 Floyd seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned.