

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Apr 6, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Josh Jones, Council Member

Jennifer Kennedy, Council Member

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.

Council Member Kennedy gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-THURSDAY, April 6, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the April 6, 2023, regular town council meeting. Council member Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The agenda for the April 6, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2023, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023, regular meeting of Town Council. Council member Kennedy seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Shady & Cassie Rodgers were chosen for Yard of the Month.

Old Business

A. SRF GRANT LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project is completed, and we are waiting for the final draw down which should be completed by the end of May.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that Eastern Engineers is still surveying lines.

New Business

A. FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION FROM PEE DEE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the Fair Housing Resolution from Pee Dee Council of Governments. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Resolution as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the Resolution as read. Council Member Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES ORDINANCES, FIRST READING

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the Local Revenue Services Ordinances. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Ordinances as read. Council Member Kennedy made a motion to accept the Ordinances as read. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

C. WATER/WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE ORDINANCE, FIRST READING

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the Water/Wastewater Rate Increase Ordinance. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

D. PERSONNEL UPDATE: 2 POSITIONS OPEN

- a. Police Chief – Mayor Welch informed Council that Chief Horton's last day is April 7. Mayor Welch is waiting on a job description for the Chief's position from the SC Municipal Association.

- b. Building and Grounds Worker – Mayor Welch informed the Council that the position is still open.

E. FY 2024 UPCOMING BUDGET UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the Council that the budget is ready. Mayor Welch requested any additions or suggested changes be presented before the next council meeting.

F. MAYOR'S FINACIAL REPORT

Mayor informed council that he will present the financial report at the May 4 council meeting.

G. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

- 1. Water & Sewer Report – Mayor informed the council that S&T will be repairing manholes in the Hyman Circle neighborhood.
- 1. Public Safety – No report.
- 2. Grants & Economic Development Report.
 - i. Gathering Spot Building Update. Mayor Welch informed the Council that we are waiting for the fate of Dr. Dorn's' buildings.
 - ii. Community Center Plans Update. Update results same as the Gathering Spot update.
- 3. Events Report
 - a. Mayor Welch informed the Council that the next events meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023.
 - b. Christmas On Main-Planning December 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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

