

**THE OLANTA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 3, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Community Center
215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114**

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Josh Jones
Marsha Jordan
Leighann Beard

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the Apr 3, 2025, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the Apr 3, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 6 , 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Mar 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Mar 6, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 11 , 2025, SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Mar 11, 2025, special meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Mar 11, 2025, special meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: – Mitchell & Shannon Sims – 226 Thomas St

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council portions of the project are completed. Requesting last draw. Still have punch list to complete.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that there has been about 29,000 ft of water lines. Total feet of pipe to be installed is 62,000. No taps have been installed. Door hangers have been given out to all customers of this project. Project is about halfway done.

C. Old Town Hall

Mayor Welch informed the council that the roof was replaced. Raised the price to cover the roof repair.

D. Old Library

Mayor Welch informed the council that the roof repair was completed. Already been reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Expansion- Butler Scurry Rd/Bethel Rd/Hwy 301/ Sewer Rehab Part 2

Mayor Welch informed the council that he has applied for money to finish Butler Scurry Rd. Also applied for a grant to finish up Bethel Rd. Asked for additional funding for the SFR to rehab the sewer.

B. Joint Water And Sewer Authority March 12, 2025, Meeting Update

Mayor Welch informed the council that he has done some research. The water authority are able to get to places that takes the towns longer to get to. Mayor would like to look more into this.

C. **Business License**

Mayor Welch informed the council that the funding we get from business license is roughly \$70,000 a year. If it was given to the customers, it would be \$25 a month per customer.

D. **Grocery Store**

Mayor Welch informed the council he met with the realtor, Mr. Warren Jeffers who owns the Piggly Wiggly in Lamar. The only 2 items that they were able to get the age on was, the pos which is about a year old and air conditioner on top of the building was two years old. Not sure on the freezers nor coolers but Mr. Jeffers looked at them. His suggestion was to get a refrigeration company to go through them to see if they have potential. Did see the tax returns for 2019 – 2024 IGA brought in between 2.3 million and 2.6 million.

E. **Assistant Clerk Position Posting**

Mayor informed the council that the town has a position open for Assistant Clerk. Part time and hours are 8 to 5.

F. **Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**

Mayor informed the council that he will have something soon for them to vote on.

G. **Mayors Financial Report.**

Not Available

H. **Reports From Council**

1. Water & Sewer – No report
2. Grants & Economic Development – No Report
3. Public Safety – No Report
4. Events Report
 - a. Gator festival – Erica Hair has agreed to take on heading up the festival.
 - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2025 Events – Starting on April 24th

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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