

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, Aug 1, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Town Hall
103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
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. Tony Felder gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, Aug 1, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the Aug 1, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The agenda for the Aug 1, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Beard made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: **Woody Floyd – 219 Park Ave.**

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that Pre-construction was on July 18th, 2024 and the project should start around the first of Sept, 2024

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the bid opening is scheduled for August 20th, 2024.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that construction is scheduled to be finished by August 11.

D. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the expected delivery is now mid-August.

E. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the asbestos testing has been completed and that Kim Etheridge would be sending out the bid packages this week. Possibly finished by the Gator Festival

F. OLD LIBRARY

Mayor Welch informed the council that the library has not sold. Council member Jordan suggested that potential buyers should agree to bringing it up to code or if the Town of Olanta keeps it, the town should bring it up to code. New roof should be put on the building to save the structure. Mayor Welch will contact roofing companies.

NEW BUSINESS

A. WASTE MANAGEMENT INCREASE

Mayor Welch informed council that Waste Management has increased there rates. Mayor Welch read the rate increases that the town is proposing in response to the Waste Management increase. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the rate increase as read. Council member Beard made a motion to accept the rate increase as read. Council member Jordan seconded the motion. The rate increase was approved unanimously.

B. JOINT TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Mayor Welch Read the Joint Tax Collection Agreement. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the Joint Tax Collection Agreement as read. Council member Jordan made a motion to accept the agreement as read. Council member Beard seconded the motion. The agreement was approved unanimously.

C. MAYORS FINANCIAL REPORT. Not Available

D. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer – no report.
2. Public Safety No report.
3. Grants and Economic Development – No Report
4. Events Report
 - a. Next Gator Festival planning meeting August 15th.
 - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the next Thursday Night Live is scheduled for August 22

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Toni Felder pointed out that the bushes in the island at Hampton and Jones are blocking the view.

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