

**THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 2, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Town of Olanta Community Center**  
**215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114**

**PRESENT:**

Michael W. Welch, Mayor  
Marsha Jordan  
Josh Jones

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, Nov 7, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the Jan 2, 2025, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The agenda for the Jan 2, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Nov 7, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Nov 7, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Sept 5, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: – Kimberly Mckenzie – 226 Thomas St.

## Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council the only street completed is Augusta St. Red Rd and Baker St have been pressure tested. They passed and Mayor Welch received the permits for the water to be completed.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council this started on Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> and headed down Jordan Chapel Rd now. The plan is to get to the new fire station on Old Number 4 first. Once that is complete, then the shorter routes will be picked up.

### C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that he is still waiting on the sign to do the ribbon cutting.

### D. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the bids were closed and awarded to Gilbert Construction. Waiting on them to sign and return the notice to proceed and the contract. It is a 90 day project. Hope it is completed by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### E. Old Town Hall

Mayor Welch informed the council that it has been sold. Working to have a survey and appraisal done. Pete is cleaning out the building.

### D. Old Library

Mayor Welch informed asked the council if they have made any progress with getting quotes for the new roof. Council member Jones he has reached out to two people, however they were busy through the holidays. Will get a quote at the first of the year.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Executive Session – Compensation Increase Discussion

The Mayor and Council members entered and exited. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to return to regular session. Council Member Jordan made a motion to return to regular session. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### B. Selection of Mayor Pro - Tem

Mayor Welch informed the council that it was time to select the Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Jordan made a motion to nominated Council Member Jones for this term. Mayor Welch seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

### C. Selection of Town Attorney

Mayor Welch informed the council that it was time to select the town's attorney. Mayor requested the town to keep using Mr. James Peterson. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion was approved unanimously.

**D. Selection of Town Accountant**

Mayor Welch informed the council that it was time to select the town's accountant. Mayor requested to continue using Harper, Poston and Moore. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion was approved unanimously.

**E. FY 2023 Financial Audit Complete – Internal Control Policies – Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Mayor Welch informed the council that the first internal control meeting is scheduled for Jan 21, 2025

**F. Mayors Financial Report.**

Attached

**G. Reports From Council**

1. Water & Sewer – Waterlines are starting to be tied in. No sewer leaks to report.
2. Grants & Economic Development – Attended the first meeting in Lake City in November.
3. Public Safety – Will be doing a lot more safety checks in the new year.
4. Events Report
  - a. Gator festival – Meetings will start in March. Decide on a band for the final night.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

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