

**THE OLANTA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, May 1, 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, MAY 1, 2025, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the May 1, 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 May 1, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Apr 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Apr 3, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: – Jerry Powers - 128 E Moore

## **Old Business**

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

Mayor Welch informed the council project is completed. Preliminary inspection with Eastern Engineering on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Once items from punch list have been completed, then the final payment will be sent out.

### **B. SCIP GRANT A-23-C154 WATER EXPANSION UPDATE**

Mayor Welch informed the council that there has been about 36,705 ft of water lines installed. Total feet of pipe to be installed is 62,000. 39 of the 119 taps have been installed.

### **C. CDBG GRANT GATHERING SPOT - Update**

Mayor Welch informed the council that he spoke with Josh, and was not able to do the cross walk. Did not get approval from SCDOT. The games are being ordered to go in the back.

### **D. GROCERY STORE**

Mayor Welch informed the council that he received the final total from Lynn with Economic Development. Just the refrigeration part will be about \$55,000. Will have to buy about 96 ft of units for about \$20,000. So about \$150,000 in repairs to get it back up and running. Will reach back out to Greg and Lynn for more information. Will talk to W Lee Flowers about being supplying the store.

### **E. OLD TOWN HALL – SOLD**

Mayor Welch Informed the council that it has sold but has not closed yet. Will close between May 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ANN HUYLER – SC FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Mayor Welch welcomed Ms. Ann Huyler. Ms. Huyer informed council of some grants that are available for the town.

### **B. ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK POSITION FILLED- JUSTICE BROWN**

Mayor Welch informed the council Gregs last day is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Interviews were done and a decision was made. Mrs. Brown is to start on May 6th

### **C. WATER AND SEWER RATES**

Mayor Welch informed the council that the water and sewer rates have an increase roughly 2%.

**D. FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ORDINACE**

Mayor Welch informed the council that he did his best to account for the income. Please see attached. Mayor Welch read the first reading of the ordinance. Council member Jones motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Council member Jordan seconded the motion. The ordinance was approved unanimously.

**E. Mayors Financial Report.**

Not Available

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**F. Reports From Council**

1. Water & Sewer – Asked council to approve putting a pin pad on the mule barn door.
2. Grants & Economic Development – Next Meeting is May 21st
3. Public Safety – Pharmacies being broken into around the counties.
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 – Next event 5/29/2025

**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.