

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Community Center

215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Marsha Jordan

Joshua 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, August 14 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the August 14, 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 August 14, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Robert B Gibbons, Jr – 210 Baker St.

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project is complete.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project is about 98% done. The last part is to connect the valve to Barrineau and Coward. In addition the town will receive 1.2 million to fund additive 2 & 3. Additive 3 will be completed and a portion of 2 will be completed.

C. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed council the final pay app has been issued. The project is now completed.

D. SRF GRANT 210006-06 LEAD/COPPER LINE INVENTORY

Mayor Welch informed council that this grant will replace the 3 lines that did not get replaced. Also, will replace the asbestos pipe on Jones and will refurbish the water tower. Funds should be released in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW TOWN ATTORNEY – MR. PETERSON RETIRED

Mayor Welch informed the council Mr. Peterson has retired. Mayor Welch asked council for their suggestions. Council agreed to do some research to find a new Attorney.

B. WATER AUTHORITY EDUCATIONAL MEETING – PEE DEE COG- 9/4/2025

Mayor Welch informed the council that the water authority next meeting is on Sept 4th, 2025.

C. GROCERY STORE

Mayor Welch informed the council that the realtor for the grocery store has turned the town down on both offers. The building on Liberty and Main street could be a possibility for a grocery store. Mayor Welch will get with some structural engineers to see if the building is salvageable.

D. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Report attached.

E. 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 – Gator festival meeting is 9/3/2025 @6 pm.
 - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the next Thursday Night Live is scheduled for August 28.

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.