

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 25, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Community Center
215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Josh Jones
Jason Floyd

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. Mr. Josh Jones gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BID ACCEPTANCE FOR SRF PROJECT 2100006-05

Council reviewed the bid tabulation for the water-system rehabilitation work. The project was presented in two divisions:

Division	Recommended bidder	Bid amount
Division 1 — Water-main replacement, including Hampton Street	Barwick Plumbing Co., LLC	\$1,166,067.20
Division 2 — Elevated-tank rehabilitation on Avondale	Utility Service Co., Inc.	\$362,900.00
Total		\$1,528,967.20

The grant amount was reported as \$1,707,581.00. Based on the presented total bids, the remaining construction contingency was reported as \$178,613.80.

Contingency funds would remain available for unforeseen construction conditions, such as deteriorated or leaking valves discovered during excavation, and could be used as eligible needs arise.

The Division 1 award was determined under State Revolving Fund (SRF) requirements using the designated base-bid section rather than the overall total bid. The winning base bid was reported as \$76,512.20.

Council discussed why some bidders with lower total prices were not selected. The explanation provided was that the solicitation required award based on the designated base bid, and some bidders may have misunderstood that requirement.

The water-main work includes completion of small street sections not finished during the earlier lead/copper replacement project, replacement of galvanized lines, and other work shown in the bid documents.

The tank work includes interior and exterior painting, an interior ladder replacement, an overflow extension, and related rehabilitation items.

A future project, SRF Project No. 2110006-06, was described as extending the water main along Park Avenue to U.S. Highway 378. Council was advised that prospective bidders should carefully review the future bid basis and direct questions to the engineer. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve the bids as stated. Council member Jones made a motion to approve the bids. Council member Floyd second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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