

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Levi Mims, Mayor Pro-Tem

Leighann Beard, Council Member

Jennifer Kennedy, Council Member

Josh Jones, Council Member

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.

Council Member Kennedy gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, June 1, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the June 1, 2023, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The agenda for the June 1, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2023, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023, regular meeting of Council Member Beard seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Tommy Jordan chosen for Yard of the Month.

Old Business

A. SRF GRANT LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project is completed, and the town is waiting for the final email from SRF.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that most lines have been surveyed and that are starting to replace them.

New Business

A. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE, SECOND READING

Mayor Welch executed the second reading of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Welch requested a motion for the Council to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Beard made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Mayor Pro-Tem Mims seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CALCULATION

Mayor Welch informed the council that the consumer price index calculation increased 8% between 2021 & 2022

C. WASTE MANAGEMENT INCREASE

Mayor Welch informed the council that waste management has implemented an increase of 5.4% on carts and dumpsters.

D. SCIIP GRANT A-23-C154

Mayor Welch informed the council that the Town of Olanta has received a grant in the amount of \$2,662,000.00 for water expansion.

E. PERSONNEL UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the council that the Building and Grounds job position had been filled, and that Peter Webster was hired and had started work.

F. QUOTES FOR NEW BUILDING AND GROUNDS EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Welch informed the council that Council Member Jones procured quotes from John Deere for a lawnmower, trailer and various other lawn equipment. Mayor Welch requested a motion to approve the purchase of listed equipment. Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the purchase of the listed equipment. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The purchase was approved unanimously.

G. NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Mayor Welch informed the council that a few minor things need to be added but it should not prevent the launch and that Town Hall will be able to accept credit card payments soon.

H. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

ATTACHED

I. REMINDER THERE WILL BE NO JULY COUNCIL MEETING

J. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer Report – Mayor Pro-Tem Mims informed the council that there is a leak behind The Citizens Bank. Mayor Welch said that the lead and cooper line replacement should take care of the leak.
2. Public Safety – No report.
3. Grants & Economic Development Report.
 - i. Gathering Spot Building Update. Mayor Welch informed the Council that the buildings have been removed and the town should have the design for approval soon.
 - ii. Community Center Plans Update. Mayor Welch informed the Council that the town is waiting on the plans.
4. Events Report
 - a. Fees have been set for the Gator Festival. Registration forms to be created.
 - b. Date for Christmas on Main should be decided on soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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