

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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. Ms. Marsha Jordan gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for February 5, 2026, regular town council meeting. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The agenda for the February 5, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Benny and Linda Oliver – 118 W Hampton St

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council we have partial operating permit for all of section 1 and 3. Anyone in those areas can now connect to the water. Alt number 2 the change order was executed a few weeks ago. They have started construction on that.

B. SRF GRANT 210006-05 LEAD/COPPER/ASBESTOS LINE REPLACEMENT/WATER TANK REHAB

Mayor Welch informed council that the project has not started yet. No bids have been taken for this project. That is about a mile of line to be replace down Hampton St. The design is still being done by Eastern Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Mayor Welch inform council it was that time again to talk about the 2027 budget. He will work on it before the next council meeting.

B. COLLECTIONS

Mayor Welch informed council that collections are off. The billing company that we used had a bad file, with the holidays the file was delayed and once we did get the file back to them they were out of card stock. In January we started doing the bills ourselves. Could look into paper billing if the customer would like to look into that option.

C. DUMPING ON RED RD

Mayor Welch asked Pete if he had an update on the dumping on Red Rd. Pete states nothing has been dumped since the last time but there is a lot of traffic on that road. There are cameras on that property.

D. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Attached.

E. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer –a few quotes for some sheds for the lift station.
2. Grants and Economic Development – Not Available
3. Public Safety –Not Available.
4. Events Report
 - a. Next Gator Festival – everything is running smoothly
 - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2026 Events – looking for sponsors

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council member Jordan resigned immediately from the council spot. She is moving closer to her family now that her and her husband getting older.

ADJOURN

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