

**THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 4, 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. Leighann Beard gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the Mar 4, 2025, regular town council meeting. Council Member Beard made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The agenda for the Mar 4, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBURARY 6 , 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Feb 6, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Feb 6, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Special Recognition**

Yard of the month: – Annmarie Dirusso-Sansons – 337 N Jones Rd

## Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council permits from DHEC has come in. As of last Friday they had 36 of the 55 taps done. On Williamsburg and Bingham there was an issue on cutting the water off.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that there has been about 27,672 ft of water lines. Total feet of pipe to be installed is 62,000.

### C. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that they requested the first draw of \$69,052.56. The ribbon cutting ceremony is TBD.

### E. Old Town Hall

Mayor Welch informed the council that the building has been shown at least 5 times since Christmas. Mayor asked council if they wanted to repair the roof. The Mayor asked for more quotes and vote on this with a special meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously.

### C. Old Library

Mayor Welch informed the council that all the quotes are in, Mayor Welch requested a motion on using Campbell Roofing with a quote, \$16,000. Council member Jordan made a motion to approve Campbell Roofing. Council member Beard second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Fair Housing Resolution

Mayor Welch read the resolution. Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the resolution. Council member Beard made a motion to approve resolution as read. Council member Jordan second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### B. Internal Controls and Policies Resolution

Mayor Welch read the resolution. Mayor and council agreed to adopt the resolution.

### C. W-4 form for council members

Mayor Welch asked all members of council to fill out the W-4 form and return it to the town hall.

### D. Water Expansion – Bulter Scurry Rd/Bethel Rd

Mayor Welch informed the council that he is trying to get funding to complete this water project.

**E. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**

Mayor Welch informed the council he will begin to work on this to have it ready for the May and June reading and will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**F. Grocery Store**

Mayor Welch informed the council that he and council member Jordan met with the realtor. Mayor Welch talked to Jason Newsome asked him to get a list of equipment, how old they are and what type of equipment they are. The realtor asking \$550,000.00.

**G. Mayors Financial Report.**

See attached.

**H. Reports From Council**

1. Water & Sewer – No report
2. Grants & Economic Development – No Report
3. Public Safety – No Report
4. Events Report
  - a. Gator festival – Need someone who can head this up.
  - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2025 Events – Starting on April 24th

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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.