

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 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

Levi Mims

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for November 3, 2025, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mims seconded the motion. The agenda for the November 3, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of October 2, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Mims made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of October 2, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Maria Fajardo – 764 E Hampton St

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that Butler Scurry and Central Rd with the remainder of the funding. Project is almost done. Have 72,844 ft of the 73,454 ft of pipe. Have to go put some taps in and tie in on Mckenzie Rd. Signed a letter for the additive #2. That will run from Banits store to Kelley's crossroads and back to Olanta to Jordan Chapel. It should take about 3 months should be done hopefully.

B. SRF GRANT 210006-05 LEAD/COPPER/ASBSTOS 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.

C. WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed council that the water authority has started the feasibility part.

D. GROCERY STORE – UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed council that he doesn't have an update on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW TOWN ATTORNEY – EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Mayor Welch asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the executive session. Council member Mims seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Welch asked for a motion to leave executive session. Council member Mims made a motion to leave executive session and enter into regular session. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. BUSINESS LICENSE ADEMENDMENT

Mayor Welch had the second reading of this amendment. Mayor Welch asked for a motion to accept this reading. Council Member Mims made a motion to accept this reading. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. OLD SEWING PLANT VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT WITH DES

Mayor Welch informed the council that he will have more information at the first of the year.

D. VC3 REPLACING THE COMPUTERS

Mayor Welch informed the council that the towns computers are getting old. He would like to replace 3 this year and upgrading 3. The three to be replaced is the server, back office and computer in the chiefs office that records the dash cam and body cams. Mayor Welch asked for a motion to accept the quote. Council Member Mims made a motion to accept the quote. Council member Jordan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. OLD LIBRARY CEILING REMOVAL – Complete- Next Step or Sell

Mayor Welch informed the council that the ceiling has been removed. Council Member Jordan suggested for it to be sold. So the money can be used to revitalize Main St.

F. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Not Available.

G. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer –Not Available.
2. Public Safety –Not Available.
3. Grants and Economic Development – Next meeting November 19th.
4. Events Report
 - a. Next Gator Festival – good reviews on how it turned out. Planning will start mid-January.
 - b. Main Street: Thursday Night Live 2026 Events – plan is 7 events
 - c. Christmas on Main Street December 5th? – flyer, Santa, smores, craft table

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 Jordan seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the vote, and the meeting was adjourned.