

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 4, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Community Center
215 Main St, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Marsha Jordan
Joshua Jones

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. Marsha Jordan gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA–THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the August 14, 2025, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the September 4, 2025, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2025, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jordan made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Greg Alexander – 212 Park Ave

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project has all the bores are almost done. Still have one major bore under 378. All meter boxes have been installed. Only thing left is to connect to Coward and Barrineau.

B. SRF GRANT 210006-06 LEAD/COPPER LINE INVENTORY

Mayor Welch informed council that the funding is ready. Eastern Engineering is in the process of doing the engineering on the last 3 lines.

C. WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed council that council member Jordan and himself attended a meeting. Still looking into more information about the pros and cons in joining the water authority.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Welch requested a motion for executive motion. Council member Jordan made an motion to approve the executive session. Council member Jones second this motion, executive session were approved unanimously.

Mayor Welch requested a motion to return to executive session back to regular session. Council member Jordan approved the motion. Council member Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. NEW TOWN ATTORNEY – MR. PETERSON RETIRED

Mayor Welch informed the council Mr. Peterson has retired. Mayor Welch asked council for their suggestions. Council member Jordan informed the council that he did reach out to one attorney, but that attorney does not handle municipalities. Mayor Welch has reached out to some attorney's as well. No attorney has been found.

C. MAYORS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2025 - UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the council that state income tax was brought down from 7% to 6% working to get rid of the state income tax. The benefits to that will be the employee gets to keep the 6% on their paychecks. Drawback is that it removed any earmarks for extra funding for the small towns.

D. GROCERY STORE

Mayor Welch informed the council that the realtor for the grocery store the building on Liberty and Main Street could be a possibility for a grocery store. Street side parking is okay so no parking lot will be needed. Mayor Welch will get with some structural engineers to see if the building is salvageable.

E. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Report attached.

F. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer –Looking into possibility of getting a new UTV.
2. Public Safety – Contract between Scranton, Coward and Olanta.
3. Grants and Economic Development – Met 20th of August.
4. Events Report
 - a. Next Gator Festival – Gator festival meeting is 9/16/2025 @6 pm.
 - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the next Thursday Night Live is scheduled for September 25th.

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.