

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 7, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Town of Olanta Town Hall
103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor
Marsha Jordan
Leighann Beard
Josh 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. Tony Felder gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA—THURSDAY, Nov 7, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the Nov 7, 2024, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. The agenda for the Nov 7, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Oct 3rd, 2024, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Oct 3, 2024, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Jones made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the Sept 5, regular meeting of Council. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: –

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council the 3in valves have come in. They have started cutting the line in. DOT required the lines be put in 36" deep.

B. SCIP GRANT A-23-C154 WATER EXPANSION UPDATE

Mayor Welch informed the council that pre-construction meeting was on Oct 30th, 2024. The plan starting date is Dec 1st, 2024. Start date depending on the availability of the blue c900 pipe. Depth of this is required to be 42". Fire hydrants are required to be on the edge of the highway according to DOT.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that he received the mockup of the signs. There were 3 options to choose from. The vote was unanimous on the 3rd sign mockup.

USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that Jetter extra parts were delivered. The grant has been completed.

E. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the bids were closed and awarded to Gilbert Construction.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BANK LOAN

Mayor Welch informed the council that the terms for the renewal of the loan is 5 years at 7.25%.

B. OLD TOWN HALL AND OLD LIBRARY

Pete met with Terry Byrd. Pete informed the mayor and council how much its going to cost to fix the old town hall. The grant for the \$25,000 was award to Olanta for repairs of the old library. The mayor and council decided to sell the old town hall.

C. FY 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT COMPLETE- INTERNAL CONTROL POLICIES

Mayor Welch informed the council that the FY 2023 audit has been completed but some deficiencies were found. Committee will consist of Greg, Leann, Mayor Welch, councilmember Jordan and councilmember Jones. Robin was to get a list together to let us know what needs to be corrected.

D. COMMUNITY CENTER CLEANING-OPENING BIDS/NEXT STEP

Mayor Welch informed the council the bids have been placed however mayor decided to hold off on awarding it to anyone.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT – MARSHA JORDAN

Mayor Welch informed the council that councilmember Jordan has been appointed by county council to represent the Town of Olanta. Council member Jordan had a meeting with Lynn Wilson.

F. MAYORS FINANCIAL REPORT.

Not Available

G. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer – Waterlines are starting to be tied in. No sewer leaks to report.
2. Public Safety – 2 break ins at the Olanta pharmacy and Gensis health care.
3. Grants and Economic Development – Mayor Welch submitted MASC hometown grant. It was awarded.
4. Events Report
 - a. Gator festival ended early due to fighting. Suggestions – add more security and end on Saturday at 8.
 - b. Mayor Welch informed the council that the next Thursday Night Live are scheduled for the first one in April.

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.