

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Josh Jones, Council Member

Jennifer Kennedy

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.

Council Member Kennedy gave the invocation. Mayor Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the October 5, 2023, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Kennedy seconded the motion. The agenda for the October 5, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2023, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Kennedy made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023, regular meeting of Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Blakenship, 310 Magnolia

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the engineering phase of the project is close to being finished.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the surveyors are working on the last sections. Project should go out for bid in March/April of 2024.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the building has been ordered and the construction of the slab will start soon.

D. CDBG Grant – Gathering Spot

Mayor Welch informed the council that the project is waiting on a letter from the structural engineers.

New Business

A. TOWN CODE ORDINANCE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Barfield explained the Town Code Ordinance to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Welch executed the reading of the Town Code Ordinance for the Police Department. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Council Member Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. GATOR FESTIVAL UPDATE

Town Clerk, Greg Alexander updated the Mayor and Council on the upcoming Gator Festival.

C. OLD LIBRARY APPRAISAL

Town Clerk informed council that Craig Floyd picked up the keys to the library that week. Mr. Floyd hopes to have the appraisal by the November Council meeting.

D. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

ATTACHED

E. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer Report – No report
2. Public Safety – No report.
3. Grants & Economic Development Report. No report
4. Gathering Spot Building Update. See old business letter D.
5. **Events Report**
 - a. Gator Festival meeting set for October 24 @ 6:30
 - b. Christmas on Main Date set for December 8, 2023
 - c. Future plans for events on Main Street.
Todd Ham will lead a committee to plan Olanta after 5 with bands and food trucks held at the town stage. Starting in Apr of 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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

