

THE OLANTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

Town of Olanta Town Hall

103 Park Avenue, Olanta, SC 29114

PRESENT:

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Levi Mims

Leighann Beard, Council Member

Josh Jones, Council Member

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the agenda as presented for the September 7, 2023, regular town council meeting. Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The agenda for the September 7, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2023, REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Welch requested a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023, regular meeting of the Olanta Town Council. Council Member Beard made a motion for Council to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023, regular meeting of Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Recognition

Yard of the month: Abra Bolling, 126 W. Hampton

Old Business

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the engineering phase of the project should be wrapping up soon.

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

Mayor Welch informed the council that the surveyors are working on the capital gains/sales tax portion of the line.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Welch informed the council that the construction contract had been signed with Gilbert Construction.

New Business

A. ROBIN POSTON CPA ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mrs. Poston informed council on how important it is to disclose "Related Party Transactions."

B. USDA GRANT FOR SEWER JETTER

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the grant resolution. Mayor Welch requested a motion to accept the resolution as read. Mayor Pro Tem Mims made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. ADA COMPLIANCE FOR CDBG GRANT

Mayor Welch executed the reading of the ADA compliance survey and resolutions. Mayor Welch requested a motion to adopt the survey and resolutions as read. Council Member Jones made a motion to accept the survey and resolution as read. Council Member Beard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. FUNDING FOR NEW UPFITTED POLICE CAR

Mayor Welch informed the council that the Town of Olanta was receiving funding for a new police car through Senator Reichenbach's office.

E. OLD LIBRARY APPRAISAL

Craig Floyd is scheduled to pick up the keys this week.

F. MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
ATTACHED

G. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

1. Water & Sewer Report – No report
2. Public Safety – No report.
3. Grants & Economic Development Report.
 - i. Gathering Spot Building Update. Mayor Welch informed the council that ADA compliance is a step forward. Mayor Welch will be Applying for a \$25,000 MASC grant.
4. Events Report
 - a. Gator Festival meeting set for September 12, 2023 @ 6:30
 - b. Date for Christmas on Main will be set at events meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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