

**TOWN OF SWANSEA
TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2023**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Mayor Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Viola McDaniel at the Swansea Municipal Court, Room 320 West Third Street, Swansea, South Carolina 29160.

All media notifications were sent out and the proper posting at town hall, police department and the town website.

Mayor determined there was a quorum for the General Meeting.

Council had a twenty (20) second silent Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2023. Prior to receiving a second, Councilman Luongo asked for a point of order. Mayor stated he was out of order. Councilman Luongo was allowed to proceed.

Councilman Luongo, stated Council was not informed of Kevin Houser's retirement the 28th of July with a celebration. Three of the council members were going to be out of town attending the MASC Annual Meeting. Councilman Luongo stated that all of council wanted to be a part of Mr. Houser's retirement celebration and the retirement celebration should have been fully transparent for the town.

Mayor McDaniel renewed her request for a motion on the floor to approve the June 28, 2023 minutes.

Councilwoman Simmons presented a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

During the discussion, Councilman Williams requested the correction to the minutes to remove one Councilman wanted to go at the last minute to the MASC conference in Greenville.

Mayor McDaniel remarked to Council that the proposed correction was a matter of opinion and she was not going to make any corrections to the minutes. Mayor then informed Councilman Williams that he was not recognized.

Attorney Dickey informed the Mayor that the Motion to approve the minutes subject to any necessary corrections was properly made and seconded in accordance with the Roberts Rule of Order. Attorney Dickey further advised the Town that it operates as a Council-form of municipal government and that majority vote would dictate the action taken. ***Motion passed 4-0 with Mayor McDaniel abstaining.***

Councilman Williams, shared with council that Councilman Michael Luongo personally purchased playground equipment for the Rast Park for the Town of Swansea. He thanked him for going above and beyond in his gift.

Chief Williams shared his monthly report for the Town of Swansea for the month of June 2023. Tickets (75), Accident Reports and Other Reports 40.

Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion presented via Councilwoman Simmons and second via Councilman Luongo. ***Motion Passed Unanimously.***

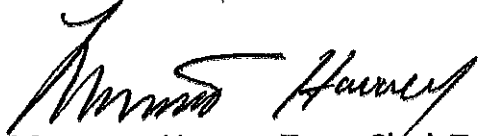
Mayor requested a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion presented by Councilman Luongo and second by Councilwoman Simmons. ***Motion Passed Unanimously.***

Mayor stated, there were no actions taken while in Executive Session. Therefore, she asked for a motion for Council to adjourn.

Motion presented via Councilwoman Butler and second by Councilman Williams. ***Motion Passed Unanimously.***

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret Harvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Harvey, Town Clerk Treasurer