

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
November 27, 2023
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Viola McDaniel at the Swansea Municipal Court Room 320 West Third Street, Swansea, South Carolina 29160.

The full council was present and a quorum was met.

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

Councilwoman Simmons presented a motion to amend the agenda to add announcements, communications and the town accountant to share the finances to council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by council and followed by a 20 second prayer.

Thereafter, an administer of oath was given to the newly re-elected council members. Councilmembers Doris W. Simmons given by Alberta Wadsden and Councilman Michael Luongo oath given to him by Councilwoman Doris Simmons.

A motion was presented by Councilman Jerome Williams to nominate Councilwoman Linda Butler as the town's Mayor Pro tem. Motion passed 4 yeah 1 abstain, Mayor Viola McDaniel.

Mayor shared monthly announcements: The Christmas Tree lighting December 2, 2023 at 5:30. Christmas Parade December 3rd @ 4.00 p.m. Christmas Choral on December 2, 2023 with Hot Chocolate and other hot beverages.

Mayor applied for an apprenticeship for 10 hours a week. He would shadow Kenneth McDaniel. The apprentice would work in the area of water. This is through the S C Rural Water Apprenticeship Program. No official word on the start date.

The 811 Fiber Optics folks are still in the area. No major water breaks since 11/2/2023 when Joint Municipal came out to help.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Motion presented via Councilwoman Simmons to require the full council permission before the Mayor, could spend any more of the ARP money by council. Motion second by Councilman Luongo.

Motion withdrawn by Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Luongo.

Councilman Luongo shared, Alex Swearinger did the work to fix the towns water fountain, and wanted to meet with him to go over the details with the towns to see, where Swansea stood as a town for a Water Manager. He preferred that person meet with Alex to get the details. The town had a water situation with a valve that caused the fountain to shut down last week as it had a safe switch in it, so when the water pressure dropped it was protected. However, when it was turn back on it was not done right.

Mayor suggested, she be called, so that Kenneth and Dennis can meet with Mr. Swearinger to discuss the fountain.

In addition, Councilman Luongo shared there were a group of good Samaritans who wanted to volunteer their time to clean up the fountain.

Town Attorney Joseph Dickey recommended that the discussion be handled in Executive Session.

Mayor, asked if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of October 16th and 23rd. Motion by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor presented for consideration to approve the 2024 Council Meeting Dates. Motion made by Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed Unanimously

Councilman Luongo asked for the consideration to minimize or consolidate meetings, so it's not two every month.

Councilman Williams shared, he did not care about the number of meetings, but to be informed, far enough in advance and its suitable for all involved.

Mayor informed, council the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 20th

Timothy reviewed the towns finances with council.

Councilwoman Simmons, stated the financial statements were not completely accurate. The balances should be taken from the towns quick book accounts not the bank statements accounts which are not completely accurate. Checks, sign and written have not cleared the bank yet.

A number of things on the statement of cash and debt was incorrect as a result.

In addition, with a number of questions on the budget versus the actual was questionable. Therefore, Mr. Timothy will revisit and correct his financial of said information for council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Williams presented his monthly report for October 2023. The total No. of Traffic Tickets 49, Accidents Reports 4 and other reports 35.

- American Legion Vet – Breakfast - Greg – Grocery Food Box
- Donations to Children for Christmas December 22, 2023.
- Keep in mind Blood Drive Blood Connection 12/28/23 (50.00) given.
- Tavern (AMCI) shooting incident.
- Christmas Parade December 3 @4:00.
- Crime Watch Meeting Cancelled for December 2023.
- Epps Command Staff Professional Development initiative 24 month
- Chief Williams chosen for program.
- Chief Williams has videos to support any complaints on him.
- New Hot Sheet.

There was no other council business to discuss, therefore a motion was presented to adjourn by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Simmons.

Respectively Submitted,

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