

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA  
COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 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.

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

The town quorum was met by council for the general meeting, afterward a 20 second silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Mayor asked for a consideration to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023. A motion was presented by Councilman Luongo and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor shared with council an update on a meeting she attended on February 10, 2023. It was about Economic Development 101 ... how to succeed in bringing developments to their area. She wanted to point out the information for council, as to why a number of towns do not get it.

- Because they do not communicate with each other.
- The release of confidentially of information that is submitted to them

- They do not have any commitments and sometime they have a conflict of interest.
- Their conduct and they do not have enough coalition behind them.

This was put on by Mid Carolina and the Lexington County Agency.

The Town has something coming down in 2024. The EPA agency wants the Town of Swansea to check all the service line to make sure there is no lead or water galvanize pipes. DHEC has put out a grant for the Town of Swansea. The Mayor has asked, Heather Preston from sercap to help her apply for the grant. If the town is awarded the grant and get money. DHEC will help check all the service lines in the town. The grant is due by October 16, 2024.

Mayor received a letter from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

The Town of Swansea has a house on the National Archives list. 295 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street the Pete and Alice House is on the National register list. The house belongs to Tom. The Mayor congratulated him on this recognition.

A motion was made by Councilman Luongo to table the First Reading of the Animal Control Ordinance. The motion second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously.

John and Venetia Sharpe request council to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street on property they purchased.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Williams presented his Police Department report for the month of January 2023.

He had 117 Citations, 1 Accident Report and 54 Incident Reports.

- Sled IT audit
- Crime Watch to start March 15 @6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Chambers.

- Grant Season - SRO Grant done. 100% Funding via State Equipment/vehicle
- In car cameras, body cameras, bullet proof vest etc.
- Keep Sgt. McComas In your prayers as he lost his father.

### **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

There was no report for the month of February 2023.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE**

There was no report for the month of February 2023

Councilman Luongo made the motion to go into Executive Session and second by Councilman Williams.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Williams.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to allow the Town Attorney to move on the second item (A) as discussed.

Motion passed unanimously

Councilman Luongo made a motion on the second matter from Executive Session to contact the individual to see if they can get, this individual in to discuss with council its issues. Motion second via Councilman Williams.

Councilwoman Simmons made a motion to amend the second motion if the first Declines to accept the position. Council allow the Mayor to contact the second candidate for the position for the Town of Swansea. The motion as seconded by Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor asked, if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Simmons made the motion to adjourn and second via Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey  
Clerk Treasurer