

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
May 29, 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
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.

All of Council was in attendance, therefore a quorum was met.

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

Council had a 20 second silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

A motion was presented to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 by Councilman Williams and Second Via Councilman Luongo.

Motion Passed Unanimously

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor McDaniel read to Council a Proclamation to be present to the Family of former Councilman Woodrow Davis at the funeral from Mayor and Council.

The town had a Memorial Ceremony at the fountain in honor of Memorial Day.

The decorations were beautiful with a number of Flags provided by Mr. Boom. The town thank him for his contributions and work.

Councilwoman Simmons wanted to announce Sugar Bakers Café was having a soft opening for breakfast on May 5, 6&7 from 6 to 10 and dinner 5 to 9.

Councilwoman Simmons made a motion to accept the First Reading of the 2024 –25th Budget and second by Councilman Williams. Discussion: Councilwoman Simmons suggested they not hire another police officer as they needed to cut down on the town expenses.

Town Administrator Chris Keefer stated, at some point the town needs to make a decision. When you look at the numbers, do you want a Police force or a or Water and Sewer utility? The town would have to look at ways to provide those services at a more cost effect way.

Motion passed Unanimously

Mayor asked for a consideration to appropriate funds for Juneteenth 2024 – 2025 She was informed only \$100 for CSX was appropriate for Juneteenth in the budget for this year.

Motion was made via Councilman Williams to accept \$650 for the Christmas parade from 2023-2024 budget.

Motion passed 3 in favor Councils (McDaniel, Butler and Williams) 2 No's (Luongo and Simmons).

Town of Swansea is interest in establishing a Hospitality Tax at 2% on business serving hot food. The funds use for tourism and Recreation.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Chris Keefer shared the following:
- Chief of Police position has been posted on the MASC & towns website.

- The town currently have 5 applications on file with a deadline of May 31, 2024. She will establish a small community to conduct the interviews access the applicants and make some recommendations.
- Planning and Development is in the budget. They want to Start a Comprehensive Planning Process sometime in the next physical year. Gregory Sprouse at Central Midlands COG. at a price of \$25,000.00 split over the next fiscal year.
- Auditor has everything they need. They are expected to give the town a draft of the 2023 audit sometime within the next week.
- The MASC Annual Meeting is coming up in July at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville. Those Council members interested, please communicate with
- Town Clerk Treasurer to be register for the conference.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillian presented his monthly financial report for the Town of Swansea. which included the Statement of Cash and Debt; Revenue and Expense, Monthly. He went through the entire financial statement and answered any questions presented.

POLICE REPORT

Ty McComas interim Police Chief thanked and introduce himself to Mayor, Council and the Town of Swansea. He presented his monthly activities for the month of April.

- Issued 66 citations; 1 accident report and 32 incident reports
- Smoke detectors promised are on the way to Swansea
- Crime Watch meeting scheduled for June 20th.
- The Back-to-school drive by the Police Dept and Cindy of the Pull Club
- will be working together again on this project.

The Mayor asked, if there was a motion to go into Executive Session, motion presented via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Williams.

Motion passed Unanimously

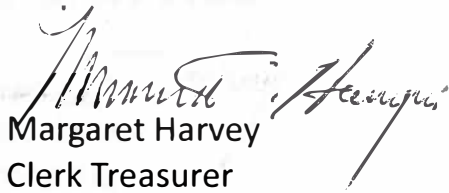
A motion was presented by Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Williams to come out of Executive Session.

Motion passed Unanimously

Mayor stated, there were no actions taken while in Executive Session. Councilman Luongo made a motion to adjourn and second by Councilman Williams.

Motion passed Unanimously

Respectively Submitted,


Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer