

TOWN OF SWANSEA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 29, 2025
6:00 P.M.

320 West Third Street, Swansea, South Carolina 29160
Municipal Building Court Room

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

ABSENT

Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Jerome Williams

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

All media notifications were sent out and the agenda was posted at town hall, police department and the towns website.

The Mayor stated the town had a quorum for the meeting, afterwards the Council had a 20 second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor asked Council to amend the agenda to add Guy of Joint Municipal Water so that he could give the town an update on the progress of the contracts.

Councilman Lungo made the motion to add Guy of Joint Municipal Water to the agenda under Executive Session. The motion was seconded by the Councilwoman Doris Simmons. **Motion passed unanimously**

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025 and the Special Call Meeting of April 14, 2025.

Timothy shared with the Council the towns monthly Financial Report for the month of April 2025.

The Revenue and Expense Report: Statement of Cash and Debt shows what was in the bank at the time the report was done. As of April, for the two loans USDA loan and Truist Bank as well as the interest paid on the loans.

He will be adding an additional line in the budget for the Hospitality Tax.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Charlton shared some of his monthly activities with Council. They are as followed. He completed his police three-day work shop. Kevin Houser resigned as a volunteer police officer. He completed the Sled Cjis audit. He shared they were not in compliance.

Chris stated" an "RFP for the entire town is what's needed, because of older computers that will not run Windows 11 or upgrade. They need to replace computers that need to by October for the Windows 11. This was part of the IT folks doing an assessment. The police department needs a secure network for their computers; town hall needs the equipment. The Clerk of Court needs to be upgraded by July 2025."

Mayor requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion made by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor said there were no actions taken while in Executive Session.

Mayor asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion presented by Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by the Councilman Luongo and seconded by the Councilwoman Simmon.

Motion passed unanimously

Councilman Luongo presented a motion to accept both the Council meeting minutes of March 24th and April 14, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion passed Unanimously.

Mayor asked for a consideration to extend the Town of Swansea current Budget 2024-2025 Budget until August 30th, 2025. There was a motion presented by Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by the Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed Unanimously

Mayor inquired if there was a motion for a Second Reading of the Local Hospitality Tax and Ordinance. Motion made by Councilwoman Simmons for the second Reading of the Local Hospitality Tax and seconded by the Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed Unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Christine Keefer shared her monthly report with some highlights to Council. There was an Annexation Workshop with John Hanson of Central Midlands Council of Government.

Chris shared "One of the Budget priorities was to look into the possibilities of implementing a managed IT environment."

Chris indicated, "she has done as much work on the General Fund and Enterprise Fund, given the unknowns of what could happen with Joint Municipal water."

"She will continue to work on the Hospitality Tax Budget and the proposed Capital Improvement"

Chris stated the "Town has a lot of assets that they are not using here that are too old are not using them anymore; maintenance deferred so long need to replace them."

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Adjourn 8:28