

SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 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 6:02 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 January 22, 2024 by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept second reading of the amended Lexington County Animal Control Ordinance 23-10 was made by Councilmember Simmons and seconded by Councilmember Butler. In discussion, it was noted that the ordinance copy provided in Council's packet was missing the even-numbered pages. A substitute motion to table second reading of this ordinance was made by Councilmember Luongo and seconded by Councilmember Simmons.

Motion passed Unanimously

Motion presented to increase sanitation to 17.00 by Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilman Luongo. Another motion given by Councilwoman Simmons to amend the sanitation rate from 16.66 to 17.00 and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed Unanimously.

The Mayor presented information on the Juneteenth Celebration to begin on June 15th from 5pm to 8:00 pm. She noted that there would be a \$100 cost to the town to use the CSX property, and that all other event costs will be covered by donations. Mayor asked for a motion to accept, Councilman Williams presented a motion to accept and second via Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Chris Keefer shared with council her monthly report. MASC is offering a basic budgeting and municipal finance workshop through the MEO institute, which is available to all Council members and on line.

- She developed a preliminary schedule for FY20-25 budget preparation cycle.
- Attended MASC'S Hometown Legislative Action Day in Columbia on 2/6/2024
- Met with Lexington County Administrator on 1/24/24 to discuss a roads/drainage maintenance agreement, Council reviewed County's proposed agreement on 2/26/2024.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillian shared his monthly financials for the Town of Swansea. He reviewed, the monthly, expenditures versus the balances in the most active accounts.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Earl Williams shared his monthly report from the police department. There were 34 tickets, 3 accident reports and 34 incident reports for the month of January.

- Attended Calvary United Method church – Heroes Sermon.
- Crime Watch Meeting (3/21/24)
- Cayce Fire Department Save a Life Day recognize on (3/16/24)
- Chief briefed Council on the status of the SRO disbursements to the town for the SRO grant. Payments are about 7 months behind due to agency staff vacancies.
- Dodge Charger – had electrical issues and need to go to the dealership.
- ce officers help prevent a loss of life. A bull attacked a gentleman, the bull was put down. Officers Mouser and Davis assisted with another gentleman.

WATER AND SEWER

Mayor McDaniel introduced Tyrone Gordon as the new water technician for the Town of Swansea. He started on 2/12/24 and has brought a great deal of energy, knowledge and a quick learner to get things done in the department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourns to go into Executive Session with a motion by Councilman Luongo and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion presented to adjourn from Executive Session by Councilman Luongo and second Councilman Williams

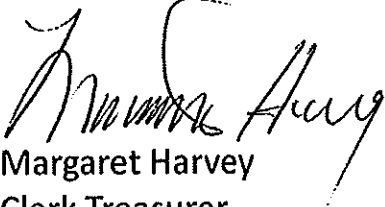
Motion passed unanimously

A motion was presented to re-appoint Margaret Harvey as Clerk Treasurer to the Town of Swansea by Councilwoman Butler and second via Councilman Williams.

Motion passed unanimously

There was no other town business to discussed within the meeting. Therefore, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Williams.

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer

8:20 p.m.