

SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
April 22, 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 March 27, 2024 by Councilman Luongo and Second Via Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion Passed Unanimously

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Simmons attended a training session for the Zoning and Planning Commission on Saturday April 20, 2024.

- Mayor asked Council to see if they can appropriate something in May toward the Juneteenth celebration in June.

- Mayor would like for the town to revisit the Hospitality tax.
- The have started the preliminary testing for the viability Grant.
- She also brought to Councils attention to watch how the town is spending it money now as ARP money is no longer a cushion.
- Mayor and Ms. Keefer attended a meeting on April 19 about the Water and Maintenance Agreement. The town still stand by the resolution they signed.
- Councilwoman Butler shared with Council; a number of citizens cannot hear council when they are speaking at the meetings. This is a third request, by the town citizens. She would like to see, if there was a way they could get micro phones.

WATER AND SEWER

Tyrone Gordon Water Technician shared his monthly report for the month of March to the town.

- 3 Sewer Back Up
- No Water Main Breaks
- Jetta Machine broke during a sewer back up.
- Saved the Town \$4000.00 for repairs by doing it himself
- Backhoe broken
- Scrap metal ready to go scrap yard to exchange for money for town
- 52 New Meters installed this month and read
- Also found Pit Pal system /will read meters. Reduce Re Reads from 266 to 145.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Christine Keefer informed Council of the 1st draft of the written report to all via email. The first draft of the General Fund budget, where she offers to walk Council through it one by one or answer any questions.

She is currently working on the Water and Sewer and Sanitation Budget.

The town has completed all the preparations for the fiscal year 23 audit. The auditors are not coming on site as we were originally told. They are satisfied with everything we have sent them so far. In addition, how we were able to give them things when they requested it. They will probably finish up off site.

In May the MASC will have another one of their sessions for the MEO institute. If you attend in person classes you will get two for the price of one offered at \$35.00.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillian presented his monthly financial report for the Town of Swansea. Statement of cash in the accounts pretty normal.

Water Sewer and Sanitation is being tracked. He went through the entire financial Statements and answered the questions presented.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Earl Williams gave the March Police Department monthly report.

There were 51 Tickets, 2 Accident Reports, 39 incidents reports completed.

Vulnerable Adults were the focus to give back to them again in the community.

- In house visits checked their smoke detectors
- Commitment from Lexington Fire Marshall and PSSC to have the Smoke detectors available to them by the end of May.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Angie Alley, 895 Church Street, Swansea SC

She represented (PSSC) Promoting Swansea in South Carolina), a South Carolina Charity.

Mission Statement:

- Help our town prosper and grow.
- Our goal is to unify our neighbors so that everyone can be apart
- In making a difference in Swansea, with the hope that the residents and business owners will see Swansea is a place they can be proud to call home.

Projects:

- Scare Crow Contest
- Yard of the Month
- Promote a Business
- Face Book Page to get other Citizens on their page sharing, encouraging, nominating to get involved, the more they talk about it the more they can post.

Focus on Grants & Vulnerable Adults now.

4-6 Helping citizens with yard work

4-13 Hauling off things; being neighborly had 10 plus volunteers.

Ask to get on their page, volunteer get involved. They meet the first Tuesday every month.

Josh Shumpert 1905 Heart Sease Road, Swansea SC 29160

Josh state. they were accused of stealing water at one of his dwellings on his property. They have a well on the dwelling as well. When he first brought the property, they knew it was a meter in front of the building in questioned.

He assumed the well was running for everything around their small office. However, when Mayor McDaniel came out with the water technician. The meter Was running the barn and campers. He put a shut off value on the meter and found out there was another meter, one was buried and active.

He stated, he offered to pay whatever the minimum was since they owned the property. However, he would not pay a 1200 Tap Fee!

Mayor asked, why did he add a facet and sprinkler system on the town property.

Motion present to go into Executive Session via Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor asked, if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session? Motion Presented by Councilwoman Linda Butler and second by Councilman Luongo.

Councilman Luongo presented a motion based on what was discussed in Execution Session to enter a contract with Pollack. Motion second by Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Luongo presented the motion and second by Councilman Williams.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret R Harvey
Clerk Treasurer