

TOWN OF SWANSEA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 28, 2025
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

ABSENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Butler at the Town of Swansea Municipal Court Room, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160.

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

Pro Tem Linda Butler stated the town had a quorum for the council meeting. Therefore, they had a 20-second moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Pro Tem asked if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, Special Call meeting; July 28, 2025, Public Hearing; and July 28, 2025, Regular meeting.
Meeting.

A motion was presented by Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Pro Tem wanted to know if there was a motion to extend the Budget of FY 24-25. Councilman Williams presented a motion to extend the budget. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem inquired if there was a motion to accept the First Reading of the amendment to the Business License Ordinance. The motion was made by

Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Williams to accept the First Reading. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem questioned if there was a consideration to approve an increase in the Sanitation Rate.

Councilwoman Simmons made a motion to table the Sanitation increase until it was clearer of how it would be handled. Motion seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem opened the floor for a discussion of L.O. Rast Park rules. The Park currently has no posted opening or closing hours, nor any rules. The Chief presented a set of rules and guidelines for the council to consider.

Councilman Williams indicated during his 4-year tenure. A report has never been presented with issues within the park. Although some people may feel uncomfortable entering the park due to its unfamiliar environment, this does not alter the fact. This is a public park for citizens of Swansea. If there are no crimes or documented issues happening within the park, the police department should be notified. He disagrees with moving forward with Rules are being placed within the park.

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER REPORT

Jay Nicholson presented his monthly report on water. Two line breaks were created on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

- Service lines break near Happy Town and Bi Rite
- They are still calculating water loss
- Repair will be expensive due to having to contract out the repairs.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Chris shared her monthly activities with the Council. The "Greeting from Swansea" outdoor mural has been installed at 270 West Second Street, free of cost through a Keep the Midlands Beautiful grant. The ribbon cutting and downtown litter pick up were held on July 25, 2025.

The town received four responses to the managed IT services RFP to help ensure the town has an updated, shared, and secure IT environment.

She was continuing to work on both the General Fund budgets for FY26 based on probable terms of a proposed long-term agreement with JMWSC.

The local Hospitality Tax went into effect on July 1, 2025. The first payments were due to the town by August 20, 2025

BOOKEEPER REPORT:

Timothy Hillian presented his monthly financial Report to Council. He shared the following: Year-to-Month on Water, Sanitation, and Sewer, the statement of Cash and Debt by department, the Revenue and Expense report, and the financials on the budget.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Charlton shared his monthly activities with the Council.

- The Back to School Bash was excellent, with a good turnout and good food.
- The town's SRO Grant for the Fiscal year of 2026 was approved for \$85,000.
- He sold one vehicle, a Ford Taurus
- Police department wants to open a Tow Yard to generate revenue for police expenses.
- Axon agreement needs to be reviewed. They have been figuring out unpaid storage and license fees since 2023.
- No news on SLED audit, depends on Managed IT Services Action.

Pro Tem asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was presented by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Simmons.

Motion Passed Unanimously

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Motion Passed Unanimously

Pro Tem questioned if there was anything that came out of Executive Session.

Councilwoman Simmons made a motion to approve reused proposal to repay CCSO as discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A motion was presented by Councilwoman Simmons to allow the Town Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Axon Enterprise as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A motion made by Councilwoman Simmons to allow Town Administrator to enter into an agreement subject to legal review for Managed IT Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Pro Tem asked if there as a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilwoman Simmons. **Motion passed Unanimously**