

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
JULY 22, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

ABSENT

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Councilman Michael Luongo

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

There were sufficient council members 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 was led in prayer by Christine Keefer followed by Councilman Jerome Williams with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Butler asked the visiting colleague of Attorney Dickey to introduced himself to council. Attorney Ronald Scott of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd shared he was at the towns disposal to answer any questions or offer assistance in their meeting.

The towns minutes of June 5 and June 24th was presented for consideration for approval. A motion was made by Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilman Williams.

Motion passed unanimously

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Simmons shared she attended the SC MASC Annual Meeting in Greenville with councils Butler and Williams. Where she attended classes on different issues related to the towns and the residents of the towns giving ideas and bringing them up to date on a number of things they may not be aware of.

Legislation updates:

- Millennial generations X, Y and Z are the people we are going to be hiring in our town. Learn how to get them in. Their thoughts are different with not as much a loyalty thing.
- Attitude with the new generation is different. If you can get them to stay and work a year, the towns are lucky.
- Improve our thought pattern to help this age group stay longer than a year.
- A Citizens Academy training residents who are interested in looking into working within government.

Councilman Williams shared what stood out most to him:

- Other municipalities basically deal with the same thing as Swansea. However, their cohesiveness was way better than what he has experience within Swansea.
- They disagree but respect others' opinions. If they as council can do a better job at that to include himself. Swansea and council would be a lot better off moving forward.

Pro Tem Butler had a different experience as the lights went out in her area at the hotel. She went back to bed. Nevertheless, she had a great time. She wants the town to continue to move forward.

The First Reading of Animal Control Amended Ordinance by title only
Councilwoman Simmons put a motion on the floor to accept the Amendment
On the Lexington County Animal Control Ordinance 24-03. Motion was second via
Jerome Williams.

Motion passed unanimously

Tammy Caudill of Peba shared with councilmember that they and Mayors are considered full time employees for insurance purposes.

The Town must offer insurance benefits to the councilmembers/Mayor and must pay the employer share for the benefits they choose. The councilmembers/Mayor may refuse the coverage under the town.

- Any councilmember/Mayor who is on a spouse's PEBA insurance coverage must come off that coverage and elect coverage under the Town.
- If you are retired from the State and you return to work in an insurance eligible position with the State as a councilmember/Mayor, you must elect active insurance coverage or refuse all PEBA -sponsored coverage.
- This is a onetime chance to opt out of offering insurance benefits to the
- Councilmember/Mayor.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Christine Keefer shared the towns monthly Administrator's report.

- In search of Police Chief - search committee now has 4 applicants To consider for possible interviews.
- Budget and Finance.
- Summarize Budget Work Shop working on draft 4
- Will contact council with another schedule draft date

Water and Sewer System evaluation Grants

- Study team from W R Dickson and their sub-contractors
- Will be at town hall on 8/28/2024 to talk to Water and Sewer Department employees to learn more about what they do. They will evaluate how Swansea Water Department is structure. Who does what, whether the town is properly staffed, need for more or less. If the town should be filling positions, they need but do not have them right now.
- Regionalization of Water and Sewer systems and possible options.
- Joint Municipal are interest in council's input.
- August 22 Small City Summit at the Hilton Inn Downtown Columbia

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillian shared the financials to Mayor and Council for the month of July 2024.

- He shared information for the Fiscal Year 7-1-2023 to 6-30-2024
- Water, Sewer and Sanitation
- Reports showed statements of Cash and debt
- Liabilities on Town Credit cards, USDA and Truist loans

POLICE REPORT

Ty McComas interim Police Chief was not in attendance. Therefore, there was no monthly report for the month of July 2024.

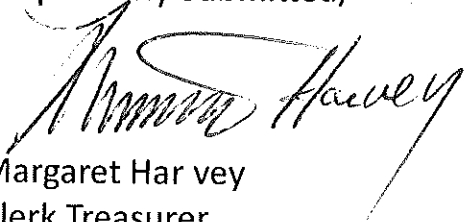
WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Tyrone Gordon Water Technician was not in attendance to give a report.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams Presented a motion to adjourn and second by Councilwoman Simmons

Motion passed unanimously

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Harvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Town of Swansea
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