

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2024
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

ABSENT

Jerome Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Viola McDaniel at 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 had a 20 second prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance of all in attendance.

Mayor asked for a consideration to approve the minutes of July 16th and July 22, 2024. Motion presented by Council Luongo and second by Councilwoman Simmons.

Moton passed unanimously

Jay Nicholson General Manager and CEO with his Operations Manager Gene House of Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission presented the towns monthly water report.

- They official start working with the Swansea Water systems July 10, 2024. First month spent a lot of resources to make sure everything was up to speed.
- Did several repairs on the Lift stations in town. The main pieces of the Lift station rotating assembly that pumps the most, two repaired and one on order to be replaced.
- Some audible and visual alarms that need to be replaced...involved in the planning grant to help with the pump draw down test.
- 5 repairs mostly water systems 2 asphalt patches to be done weather and priority permitting, contractors have already been contacted.
- In town on a daily basis, checking the chlorine booster stations.
- Chemical balance concerns, Gene was able to dial it in very quickly very stable Chlorine Chemicals throughout the town.
- Reduce monitoring of checking the Lift Stations now 3 times a week, however will adjust if any changes take place.
- The Planning Grant moving along very well with C.K. Dickson with COG helping to evaluate the water and sewer condition assessment in addition as to what the town needs going forward. They have done some modeling on the water system. They have done some flushing on the hydrants to help them calibrate the system. These are done on a sample basis on the systems.
- Lift stations already drawn down
- They have done some Floor sampling on the waste water lines.
- September a crew will be in to start doing some video camera of the sewer lines to clean to allow for a path.
- They will have a meeting with ongoing operations the condition of the existing O&M of the system.
- Part of the maintenance agreement all the Lift stations have been cleaned.
- Lastly, a discussion of potential exists for future Regionalization.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Simmons attended Small City Summit shared how important it was to have a balance budget and adhere to it. There was information presented on 7 different types of mistakes council might do.

It was a vendor event with different agencies in the state, shared information on how to get grants.

- Grants available for towns, Water Systems, S C Rural Infrastructure.
- USC program to help write the grants there for free.
- SC National Guard could be used in emergency situations; however, they must contact the governor free of charge mostly used for weather.
- In addition to grants for business and municipalities.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to reappoint Councilwoman Simmons as a delegate to SC Rural Water Association or a new appointee.

Motion presented via Councilman Luongo to reappoint Simmons and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor presented a Resolution to extend the 2023-2024 Budget until October 31, 2024. Motion presented by Simmons and second by Councilwoman Butler.

Motion passed unanimously

The Second Reading of Lexington County Amended of Animal Control was presented for its Final Reading. Motion via Councilwoman Simmons and second by Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Christine Keefer shared her monthly activities report.

- Personnel Administrator Matters.
- Police chief search conducted with 2 interviews third interview after 9-9-2024. After background checks, in September they will have a recommendation to hire.
- Police Department has begun a new search for a Resource Officer. The objective is to hire a certified Law Enforcement officer. Someone who

would work the SRO job during the school hours and as a police officer during none school hours.

- Budget and Financial for the Town took care of extending the budget until October 31, 2024.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillian presented his monthly report for the Town of Swansea for July 2024.

- Timothy shared the numbers for the Budget and Finance for the Town of Swansea.
- Water and Sewer Sanitation comparison year to date.
- Cash and Debt statements as of 7/31/2024
- Bank account balances alone with
- Balances on the two Water Loans; USDA and Truist
- Revenue and Expense Report YTD ending 7/31/2024 first month of the Fiscal year.
- There was additional discussion of the Budget in the month of July.

THE POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Ty McComas shared his monthly activities for the month of July. There were no crimes that were violent or major occurred in the town. It was mostly property crime.

He indicated it was approximately 40 to 45 citations issued with about 20 incident reports which were mainly property crimes and a couple of traffic tickets. A police application was issued for a potential SRO position, but has not been returned as of yet.

There was no other business to discuss, therefore the mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Simmons presented the motion and second by Councilman Luongo.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer

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