

TOWN OF SWANSEA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2026
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Doris Simmons
Pro Tem Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Angie Alley
Councilwoman Melissa Williams
Councilman Tom Daugherty

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doris Simmons at 6:00 P.M. at the Swansea Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160.

- All notifications were sent to the appropriate outlets
- There was a quorum for the meeting
- The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Chris Cornette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Mayor asked for consideration to approve the minutes
- Motion presented by Councilman Luongo to accept the minutes for the Special Call meeting May 11, 2026, and the Regular Council Meeting May 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Motion Passed Unanimously

Joint Municipal Report

Guy Schmoltze of Joint Municipal Water gave the Town of Swansea a Utilities Update.

- Water meter changeouts are nearly complete, with 60 remaining.
- Some meters require asphalt cutting; galvanized pipes are deteriorating and causing delays.
- A sidewalk failure from a service line break was repaired.

- Sewer Project: Town has received 4 million dollars (SRF+ RIA, \$2M each). Preliminary engineering report is pending. Target bid window: late fall/early winter, with a 12-month construction period.

Chlorine Booster Station Replacement: \$400,000 project funded by Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (\$200k) and commission funds (\$22K).

- Residents encouraged to call Town Hall or utility staff directly with concerns.

Accountant Report

Timothy Hillian presented the following Financial information to Council.

- Explained the monthly revenue/expense report for May
- Hospitality tax line 4053 updated.
- Business license revenue exceeds \$74,000 (mostly current year)
- Water study grant funds fully received and closed out. Franchise fee revenue increased after a \$16,000 payment from electric and cable, totaling \$58,352.34.
- Budget worksheets reviewed (Town, Police, Water/Sanitation).

Community & Economic Development

Joel Gordon - GSBS

- Two new businesses: Big Dog Barbershop and Waymaker Plumbing
- Ribbon cuttings scheduled at 10 AM and 11:00 AM
- Waymaker Plumbing hosting a 3-day grand opening July 1-3
- Media Coverage:
- The State newspaper published a feature on Big Dog Barbershop.
- Lexington Chronicle interviewed Kozy Kitchen and Lapidary Arts.
- Cluster Mailbox:
- USPS approved a Cluster mailbox site near Town Hall.
- Installation expected by July 14, 2026.
- Council will formally approve placement at a future meeting.

Mary Daugherty – Helping Hands

Scarecrow Showdown Request.

- Expand scarecrow placements beyond Scarecrow Alley.
- Use areas around the fountain, flagpoles, park signage, and certain private fences (with permission).
- Install voting boxes at Town Hall and local businesses.
- Display dates proposed: Oct.1- Nov.14 (flexible based on Christmas decorations schedule).
- Council will review and consider approval at the July meeting.

The Mayor asked if there was a motion for the Second Reading of the Fire Safety Ordinance.

Councilman Luongo presented the motion to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Fire Safety Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daugherty. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor inquired if there was a motion to approve a continuing resolution to extend the FY 2025-2026 budget through June 30, 2026.

Councilman Daugherty made the motion for the continuing resolution to extend the FY 2025-2026 Budget through June 30, 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilman Luongo. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor asked whether there was a motion to adopt a resolution extending the FY 2026-2027 Budget to 8/31/2026.

Councilman Luongo moved to adopt a resolution extending the 2026-2027 Budget to 8/31/2026. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Council and Mayor Comments

Councilwoman Alley shared with Council:

- Speaker for the Juneteenth celebration was great, recommended by the Swansea Library.
- Juneteenth celebration was successful with 30 to 40 attendees.

- July 4th event is scheduled for 5 PM to 9 PM.

Mayor shared.

- Vehicle surplus auction delayed until after July 4; 7 vehicles will be listed.
- Insurance savings noted from tag returns.
- Mayor found all the keys
- She wanted to thank those who suggested the speaker for Juneteenth. She had a very good presentation. She never knew anything about Juneteenth and the history behind it. It was very informative.

The Mayor introduced the Town of Swansea's new maintenance man, Raymond Mullins.

Raymond Mullins shared a report of major cleanup progress (3 tons of debris removed, parks mowed, equipment repairs underway.

Public Comment

Rochelle Roos has a large garden and would like to set up a Farm Stand on her property. She wanted to know in advance whether she would have any problems. All the research she has done suggests it should not be a problem.

Town Attorney recommended they look further into the matter.

The Mayor stated she needed a motion to adjourn to Executive Session under SC Code 30-4-70 (a) for:

- Code enforcement
- Personnel matters
- Contract proposal

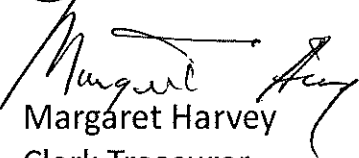
Motion made by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Alley.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor asked for a motion from Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Luongo to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor said there were no potential actions taken or discussed while in Executive Session at this time. Therefore, the Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

The motion was presented by Councilwoman Alley and seconded by Councilman Daugherty. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer

7:45 P.M.