

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2025
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Jerome Williams

ABSENCE

Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Viola McDaniel at 6:00 P.M. at the Swansea Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 West Third Street, Swansea, South Carolina 29160.

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

The Mayor stated that the town had a quorum for the meeting; therefore, the council observed a moment of silence for 22 seconds, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 4, 2025, Special Call Meeting, September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting, September 29, 2025, Special Call Meeting.

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

The mayor indicated there were many questions from Councilwoman Simmons and asked whether the Council would like to table. The Second Reading of the Ordinance to approve an increase in the Sanitation Rate.

Councilman Williams made a motion to table the Second Reading of the Ordinance to increase the Sanitation Rate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Butler. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER

Jay Nicholson was not in attendance. No report at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor provided an Update on the Police Department.

There is no one in the Police Department now; however, the Mayor had some information to share.

- Freshman Academy is now being covered by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.
- Equipment to be turned in - SUV Durango and Rifle.
- All police accounts have been suspended.
- The police department has internet and phone services
- Police department building still in tack
- Grant has been transferred to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department

BOOKKEEPER REPORT

Timothy Hillman provided his monthly financial report to the Council in them Package. He was not in attendance.

MAYOR UPDATE AND REVIEW

Mayor wanted to thank the following:

- All those who came out and voted for her in 2021.
- The individuals who came out to events to support her.
- She wanted to thank her family, friends, and sponsors.
- Those who did not vote for her.
- Thank Jay Nicholson and his staff.
- Thank Margaret Harvey and the office staff for making her transition so easy when she came in.

The Mayor stated, she is not an embezzler, a liar, or a thief. Whatever you read out there is not true.

AUDIT REPORT 2024-2025

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Audit results

- General Fund Unmodified (clean) opinion
- Governmental activities & Business – Type (water & Sewer) –Qualified, limited capital asset verification
- No finding of fraud, misuse, or illegal activity
- Reclassifications made to improve fund and function presentation
- All revenues and disbursements tested were supported through proper backup

General Fund

Revenues: largely DOWN 26% due to ARPA funds received in FY 24.

Expenditures: Reflects 14% down reduced activity and cost control

Cash on Hand: Approx 2-4 months (prior year 4.0 months).

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