

TOWN OF SWANSEA
TELECONFERENCE COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP 2020-2021
AUGUST 11, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Mayor Pro-Tem Woodrow Davis
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

The Swansea Town Council held its Teleconference meeting via telephone on August 11th at 4:00. The Town of Swansea proposed Budget for 2020-2021. The meeting was hosted by Mayor Jerald Sanders at 300W Third Street, Swansea, SC. All the media notifications went out and posted at Town Hall, the Police Department and the town Website.

Yvette Jones, CPA of Jones Financial was the presenter of the budget for the updates. Mayor and Council reviewed the budget from Homestead exemptions to increases in franchise taxes, Administration expenses, and increase in legal fees to the decrease in training by staff and Mayor and Council because of Covid-19. These were just a few of the updates included in the budget.

There was a great deal of discussion centered on salaries in the Budget Workshop. Councilman Luongo had questions, Why the increase in salaries in the Budget for 20-21. The Towns CPA referred to the appropriate page of the Budget to explain the Break down to include the potential staff with town administrator.

Mayor Sanders informed Council again checks and balances from the Police Department and Town Hall with the Clerk's office needed to be in place. The Town Audit Report for the Town of Swansea by John Brown CPA had in its finding on the town.

Councilman Luongo, asked the Mayor if he spoke with someone for a part time Administrator in Richland County.

Mayor indicated, he spoke with a potential candidate whose fees were approximately the same for a Town Administrator at \$12,500.00.

Mayor shared, he would consider having the 1st Reading of the Budget 20-21 after receiving the information from Chief Hayes. He would send the information to Ms. Jones to add an amendment to the Budget so that Council will have an opportunity to review.

Mr. Linda wanted the records to show, she was informed of the Council meeting about the same time of all other Council. She has no special privileges.

There was no other discussion, a motion was put on the floor and the Budget Workshop was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Town of Swansea

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