

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
December 16, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

ABSENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Woodrow Davis

GENERAL MEETING

The Swansea Town Council held its monthly meeting at the Swansea Municipal Building 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Jerald Sanders, confirming the media was notified and the agenda had been posted at Swansea Town Hall and the Police Department. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. We were then led in prayer by Councilwoman Linda Butler.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the minutes.
Councilwoman Simmons, "I like to make a motion to amend the agenda to ask for Executive Session to be added to the agenda at this time please."

"Regarding Section 30-4-70- (a) (2)
Legal Advice
Contractual Matters
Employee"

Doris Simmons continued, "Legal advice pertaining to a pending legal action by an attorney client privilege of B B M law suit and an employee."

Mayor indicated, they would not entertain the motion at this time, because her request was pending litigation. He would have to talk more with Attorney Joseph Dickey who is handling that case.

Simmons, said, "It was an employee as well regarding a letter" Mayor inquired, "What problems do you have with the letter I sent." He shared; they would discuss at next month's meeting.

However, Attorney Sidney Evering, recommended; to make a motion which would have to carry. Councilman Luongo second Councilwoman Simmons motion. The roll was called with Councilman Luongo, Councilwomen Butler and Simmons (3) was approve and a (1) No vote via Mayor Sanders. The motion carried for Executive Session to be added to the agenda.

Mayor asked, if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Luongo presented the motion to come out second by Councilwoman Simmons.

There was no action to be taken up from Executive Session. Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the minutes. Councilman Luongo, made a motion to table November 18, 2019 minutes. He indicated; he did not receive them in his packed. He requested; the minutes of this meeting be table until he receives a copy. Mayor Sanders, asked if there was a consideration for a motion to table minutes of that time. The motion presented via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilwoman Butler. The motion carried. Councilman Luongo, made another motion to approve the Special Call meeting of November 25, 2019, second by Councilwoman Linda Butler. The motion carried. It was unanimous.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doris Simmons shared she received an award from the school board. In addition to a comment the Christmas parade was nice.

Mayor commended, Cassandra Riley who was the Coordinator for the Christmas Parade for doing a fantastic job in putting it together along with the town staff. He thanked her again for doing a great job. All in attendance agreed, with an Applause.

Councilwoman Linda Butler, indicated the Christmas Parade for Swansea was always on the 1st weekend in December.

Mayor Sanders, thanked the Cheerleaders of Swansea for participating in the Christmas Parade.

The Mayor, also shared, General Beagle told him they would have brought their Army Band. This is great information going forward.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Kevin Houser shared for the month of November and December 2019

- 31 Work Orders
- Sewer Back Ups
- Re reads customer complaining about bills going up (8 to 12)
- 2 Water main breaks on West 2nd
- I W Hutto 6-inch main break
- 2nd Monroe Avenue & Swansea Heights
- 6-inch Water main break – small crack in line

Annual DHEC Report – (Kelsey) They checked SOP (Standard Operation Procedure) which included back flows at schools, businesses and convenience stores. They send water accountability, water loss and show sheet exercising Water Value. DHEC– Results was an (A)

STREET MAINTENANCE

Carlton Moore reported on his daily activities for the Town of Swansea for the month of November – December. He made 7.6 trips to the land fill the Christmas lights up and the Tree. He also included the seal was gone in the Town Fountain.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Clif Hayes reported for the month of November – December 2019 the Swansea Police Department took in 117 Citations, worked 2 Accidents, served 7 Warrants, wrote 56 Reports and Made 14 Arrests.

The Christmas Parade went very well. He appreciated, the Sheriff department partnership in supporting the town and thanked them.

OPEN FORUM

Iva Hall- concerned about the (PULL) Organization. She indicated; she was speaking to Councilwoman Doris Simmons. She shared, "Councilwoman Simmons or someone called the IRS and the Secretary of State." In addition, someone said all vendors need a license and that was a lie. After that did not work someone called the Secretary State to report they were selling food." Ms. Hall stated, as a Council, Councilwoman Simmons should be trying to help the town." If Pull was doing something wrong. She should have gone to them in the right way to do it instead of trying to hinder them. They were doing something for the community with or without the support.

Ms. Hall said, ' we should work together.' "If we as a town worked together things would go much better." "I am not trying to put anybody down, in order to put someone down, you have to be low yourself to put somebody down." "We should work together."

Ms. Hall, thanked Cassandra for doing a good job and not letting the out of towners come in to tell her what to do. She also said, the town should respect the Mayor. "Whenever, someone is trying to do something to improve the community, we need to support."

In closing, Ms Hall stated, "I do not think it was right to call the IRS, Secretary of State on PULL.

Councilwoman Doris Simmons asked, "Ms. Hall if she wanted, everyone to break the law." Councilwoman Simmons indicated, "she contacted Cassandra by e-mail to tell them they needed a business license. She wanted to be a part of the PULL event to help, show them how to do their taxes."

Mayor Sanders interjected, Thank You, Ms. Hall we Hear and Support You continue to do your work.

Inez Hall Williams – Thank the Mayor for everything he is doing to help the community. She shared, Ms. Iva Mae is her mother reiterated whenever, someone is trying to do something in the community to pull people together. Everyone should take a part.

Ms. Williams stated, “Councilwoman Simmons called, Cassandra after the fact, she posted something on Face Book and Instant Messenger instead of going to them. Because she has her number, because she has done their taxes. So, she has communicated. The PULL Walk organizations felt like they were Target. Because, after the denial of coming to the PULL WALK. Then all of a sudden, we got calls from IRS, Certified Letters calls from the Secretary of State.” “So that was the issue.” “So, if you want this community to come together. You have knowledge of something that we are doing wrong. Then you should come to us. Don’t have someone writing letters, threaten letters.” Because we are out of order, we are going to be fined \$2000.00. We are just trying to get the community together. We felt threaten. Because, we are local people and we are learning. So, if someone has knowledge that we don’t have. Then I would hope as a human being that you would come to us and help. But that was not the case. Someone, sent the letter from the Small town of Swansea to the IRS, so we got calls and a certified letter. So that was the concern from the PULL WALK, just in case you do not know what PULL stands for its (PEACE, UNITY, LOVE and LIFE) and that’s what we are trying to do. And because of the event that was held and everybody was supposed to have their business license. We lost 15 vendors from coming here. which means, we lost people coming into the town of Swansea to see what we are offering. The town coming together as one to build on one another. This was the whole point of the vendors.”

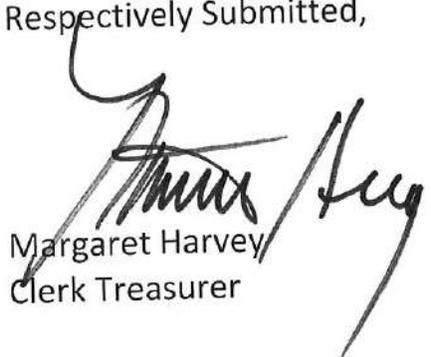
Mayor, Thank You for everything that you have done and all the council people. We just want to make sure that every body is on the same page on one accord, to pull people in. Because we do not need any division. There is enough division and hatred going on right now, without people nick picking and calling on this and

calling on that. We don't need that as a community. We should all want to work together and help one another. We should not have that Mentality. She wanted to thank her sister Cassandra, who work hard and does not like the lime light. In addition to thanking , the community for supporting them in the PULL WALK."

Councilwoman Linda Butler, thanked all the citizens of Swansea. She told them Council will get it together.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to adjourn. Councilwoman Simmons presented the motion that was second by Linda Butler.

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer

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