

SWANSEA
TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Mayor Pro-tem Woodrow Davis
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman David Martin
Councilman Michael Luongo

GENERAL MEETING

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

The media was notified, and the agenda had been posted at Town Hall the Police Department and Website. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. We were then led in prayer by Councilman Woodrow Davis.

The Mayor asked, if there was no discussion or concerns with the necessary corrections if any; would there be a consideration to approve the minutes from last meeting of October 21, 2019. A motion was put on the floor via Councilwoman Linda Butler to approve and second by Councilman Woodrow Davis.

It was a question, by Councilman Luongo, "may I have A Point of Order," asked the Mayor if he knew what that was".

Mayor indicated (**yes**). After the Mayor answered, Councilman Luongo came back again to asked, "do you understand what the Point of Order means".

Mayor responded, what was his point of order? Councilman Luongo, "his point was he just received the minutes a few minutes ago that was revised, for some reason I am trying to understand, did not have a 100% verification presented to authenticate other than the attendance of David Martin and the State Budget."

Councilman Luongo, "I pointed out 10 facts that was left off the Special Call meeting of September 27th, and I just do not understand you know. How we can actually continue to do this. Why we are not recording things that need to be brought to the attention of the council. Why everything is not being recorded properly".

Mayor response, everything is on the recorder, our Clerk Treasurer does our minutes for us.

Councilman Luongo, "so it says right here on the last line in the general meeting it says the other information on the recorder is questionable and need to be heard by council and clerk treasurer. "So, do we need to rehear it."

Margaret Harvey clerk treasurer responded "What we need to do? Because there was only one side of what was being presented to council and everyone in attendance. I've listened and relistened and relistened and I've got points that are questionable to the things that you've said that are authentic. Therefore, I said in that in itself if it's only one sided and you never heard the tape the second time. How can you authenticate that everything that you put there is 100% correct"?

Councilman Luongo, "Well I am the one that was in that meeting. I was the one that brought up those points in that meeting."

Margaret Harvey, Clerk, Treasurer "you brought those points up but those points were incorrect, all of those points were not correct."

"Councilman Luongo, Ok". "So, we actually do need to listen to these minutes to authenticate and I guess, we need to postpone these minutes until the next time we can authentic these..."

Margaret Harvey, Clerk Treasurer, "my recommendations are the minutes be listened to in Executive Session and anything that you have that you questioned me about because you are questioning any and everything that I do and say. I

don't know why. I am not on trial; at any rate long story short that is where it needs to be handled."

Councilman Luongo, "it was my points that I brought up, it was none of your points."

Margaret Harvey, Clerk Treasurer "but they were not actionable items. As far as minutes are concerned if they are not actionable, they do not need to be recorded. Because some people can go on and on and talk just to hear themselves and does not have any substance that's verifiable."

Councilman Luongo, "I think since what Ms. Harvey said that, "We need come and go into Executive Session to **listen to this tape at this time**, since she made this comment."

Margaret Harvey, Clerk Treasurer responded, "**not at this time, not at this time.**"

Councilman Lunogo, "**I didn't say (listen to the tape at this time)**".

"I just said, that you were saying another time, we can sit and listen to these minutes, so that we can authenticate, whatever you are saying here because at this time we can't pass these minutes. Because we have to go back and look at it."

However, on the "recorder @ 6 minutes & 2 seconds. Council Luongo, states "we go into Executive Session (**AND LISTEN TO THE TAPE AT THIS TIME**)".

Mayor Sanders, what we can do take the minutes as information and move on. You can always go back and listen to the minutes at another time. So, if someone from the council will make a motion to accept the minutes as information.

Councilwoman, Linda Butler presented the motion to accept the minutes as information with corrections as needed, second by Councilman Woodrow Davis.

Mayor Sanders, requested a role call Councilman Luongo, oppose, Councilman Davis Yes, Mayor Sanders I, Council Linda Butler I. The motion passed. They will accept the minutes as information.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor shared the following:

- Town of Swansea Annual Christmas Parade Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 PM
At the Swansea High, Football Stadium.
- Grand Marshall General Milford Beagle – Commander of Fort Jackson.

There are others that will participate in the parade. The parade is sponsored by our partners and friends of the town.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Kevin Houser is doing an outstanding job. He has stepped up in our Water Department. We had a major Water Break this morning about 4 AM. He was out with others fixing those lines. They were successful in getting that line on Hwy 6 and I W Hutto Road fixed. Hats off to Kevin and the crew in those repairs. He will start giving the Water and Sewer reports on next Monday. Again, we thank Kevin for stepping up in addition to his volunteering with the Police Department.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Carlton Moore – Mayor Thank (Bubba) for all he is doing to help us in street maintenance. He shared his monthly activities for the Town of Swansea. He put the Christmas tree up at the Towns Fountain and the lights around town.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Clif Hayes – The month of October the Police Department issued 191 Citations, worked 4 accidents, issue 19 warrants, completed 91 reports and made 24 arrests. He received the permit for the Christmas Parade. He shared; the Sheriff from Lexington County would be one of the participates in the Christmas Parade.

ANNEXATION SECOND AND FINAL READING: Pursuant to the Town of Swansea Code of Ordinances (Chapter 28.1,28.2.1.

TMS 012900-02-100 (228 Lee Witt Road Swansea, SC) Property Owners Samuel C .and Charlene H. Smith

This is the second and final reading of this Ordinance to Annex this property into this town. Mayor asked, if there was a consideration for a motion for this Annexation. The motion was made by Councilman David Martin and second by Councilwoman Linda Butler. All were in favor and the motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

For Citizens or Business Owners of the Town of Swansea

Mayor Sanders, Thanked and Commended Councilman David Martin for 8 years being a part of The Town of Swansea Council. He will be greatly missed appreciated and was a joy to work with by all.

The Swearing in Ceremony of Councilman Michael Luongo and Doris Simmons.

Mayor Jerald Sanders was informed, they each would have someone to swear them in at the Town of Swansea Council Meeting. He thought they were prepared, since they were bringing someone to swear them in.

Councilman Luongo said, he did not know it was his responsibility. Mayor indicated, if you were bringing someone in to swear you in, you would be prepared for everything.

Councilman Michael Luongo was sworn in by Doris Simmons a notary.

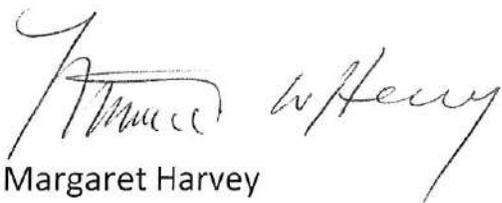
Doris Simmons was sworn in by Councilman Michael Luongo.

Mayor, asked if there was any other business for council. Since no other business was presented, The Mayor asked, if there was a consideration for adjournment.

The motion was made by Councilman David Martin and second by Councilman Luongo. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments:

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Harvey

Clerk Treasurer

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