

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 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, Swansea, SC.

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 town hall and the police department. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. We were then led in prayer by Councilman Woodrow Davis.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A motion was made via Councilman Davis to accept and second by Councilman Luongo. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The Mayor shared; our Water Replacement Project is coming to an end. Jay Nicholson of Joint Water will share some additional information later. There were no other comments by Council.

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

Jay Nicholson the General Manager for Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission of Lexington County. He operates the unincorporated areas of

Lexington County. They have about 17 thousand water customers. They have adopted 800 more in the last couple of months this summer, since the Town of Swansea have been going through a little bit of a transition. Jay indicated; we were closed to closing out on the Asbestos Pipe Replacement Project. Their engineering department have been over the project on behalf of the town. They have run into some unknowns in older systems smaller towns that did not have every I dotted and T crossed. They have come into some tie in's (in) areas of the town where some lines 2 or 3 should have been abandoned has caused some additional work that will begin this week. They have great coordination with the staff at Town Hall. Who have been communicating with the citizens within the town. They know when they are going to be without service. They have some good communication with the contractors.

They are also working with the school on the Project for water with the Fine Arts Construction.

RIA GRANT – His communication with RIA folks have been great. A change order to previously communicated at 46k, they were able to match 26k that they did not have to do. So that was a gift and working on those other areas we need to address to keep them to a minimum.

From an operational stand point, we have been flushing a lot of water. We sell a lot of water but we have to put a lot on the ground to keep it fresh. They want to make sure you are in compliance, and the Town of Swansea is because they are in constant contact with the regulators.

Waste Water Issues – Couple

Kevin House is great in responding to those and contractors go out as needed. Assisting of The Bull Swamp System and a friendly transition.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE**

Carlton Moore reported on his daily activities for the Town of Swansea for the month of August.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Clif Hayes reported the following for the month of August 143 citations, 18 warrants, 78 reports and 16 arrests.

Question: Council Luongo- If Chief Hayes was responsible for Advertisement referenced Ordinance 3 section 3. Do we issue citations or have issue with signage on the street? Chief asked, if he was making reference to the signage that was in GPS. Luongo said signage everywhere Public, Jowers, other Antiques stores. We have never had anyone to come before council to get special permits, which has to be passed by council. He is curious as to how we are handling this?

Chief shared, he is responsible for all Law Enforcement. We as a town post open forum for Budget. His question to Council where Do we start at? Business / Residents that have not clean up. We have talked about this many times. "This is What He Will Not Be Apart of Picking and Choosing Ordinances that we can pick and choose and go ahead and enforce it... unless we Enforce It on All." "I don't think it is fair nor do I do not think it is right". If the governing body decide that's what we want to do. Then we need to enforce, all Ordinances. We enforce all or none on everybody.

Mayor we allow our business to put signs up because, we do not have much down Town. The signs are up so, people will know they are there. They are not rich folks, just trying to make it day by day. They are paying taxes and licenses for the Town. We are working on an Advertising Sign. We are not trying to hurt people we are trying to help. We are moving forward to clean up the town but it takes time.

A motion was put on the floor via Councilman Lunogo to table the Resolution to the next meeting and second by Councilman Davis on the Budget. The motion passed, will table that to the next session.

### OPEN FORUM

Mr. White of GPS prepared a folder he wanted to share to help get the budget clean up, read and approve as quick as the law allows.

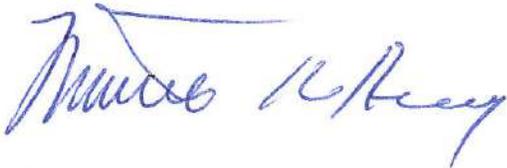
Tommy Jowers - Thanked the Mayor for allowing the business to put signs down town. Appalled by GPS taking a picture of his sign singling him out. He does appreciate the Town working with the business as it does bring him more customers.

We need to have Executive Session – Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) For Legal Advice, Contractual Matters, Employment Matter.

Mayor asked, If there was a consideration to go into Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilwoman Butler and second by Councilman Davis. A unanimous vote motion carried.

After the Town council returned from Executive Session, The Mayor asked if there was a consideration to come out of executive Session. A motion was made via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Martin. The vote was unanimous motion carried. There were no actions taken while in Executive Session. The Mayor inquired, and a response from Councilman David Martin with a motion to accept Joseph Dickey as Counsel for Litigation matters and take appropriate actions by filing a substitution of a counsel person. Councilwoman Linda Butler and Councilman Woodrow Davis agreed to the Motion as a Second. The motion carried presented via Councilman David Martin. The vote was unanimous By council. Mayor questioned, if there was a consideration to adjourn, motion presented via Councilman Martin to adjourn second by Councilwoman Butler and Councilman Davis. The vote was unanimous.

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret R. Harvey  
Clerk Treasurer

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