

TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE
GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

The Swansea Town Council held its Teleconference meeting via Telephone at Town Hall on June 15, 2020. We were lead in prayer via Councilman Woodrow Davis. All media notifications went out and were posted at Town Hall, The Police Department and the Website. The Mayor did a Roll call for the Council in Attendance with the Town Attorney Sidney Evering and Clerk Treasurer with constituents of the community.

A motion to revisit the State of Emergency Proclamation was first presented via Councilman Luongo followed up by Councilwoman Simmons for a 30 day extension and review again in 30 days to see if the State of Emergency Proclamation should be in effect put on the floor. The motion was seconded by Luongo with Councilwoman Linda Butler and Councilman Woodrow Davis. The motion carried.

Mayor Sanders asked, if there was a consideration to approve the table minutes of 5/18/2020, General Meeting of 5/26 and Budget Workshop of 5/26, 2020. A motion was placed on the floor by Councilman Woodrow Davis, second via Councilwoman Linda Butler and Mayor Jerald Sanders. The motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone, who was responsible for helping with the COVID-19 Testing and a Big Thank You to Senator Seltzer for his assistance in

helping with that to include Dr. Maddox and MUSC and others from the Charleston Area. The Town had 312 people tested. There was a great turnout from the area and the vendors who help supported it in Swansea.

Mayor and Town sent Congratulations out to the seniors of Swansea High School for the Class of 2020.

WATER AND SEWER

The Mayor shared, Kevin Houser was out in the field and was not able to be on the conference call. However, he does have his rotation, on the water and the painting of the Fire Hydrants he has almost completed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hayes reported for the month of May they issued 115 citations, worked 2 accidents, issued 11 warrants, 39 Reports and had 18 arrests.

Mayor asked, Chief Hayes what the procedures and policies were on choke holds in the Town of Swansea? Chief shared, they have never been trained to use choke holds, they are against it nor do they use them. They have a policy. The Mayor asked, if he would share it with him and Council.

Councilwoman Simmons inquired about a letter she received from the Police Department. Mayor shared, he too received the same information via e mail and it was the first time hearing about the list of items. He addressed the toilet, he was told about. Kevin checked the lines and there was no blockage. The toilet was replaced.

All the other stuff, the roof, air conditioner, he was not aware of. The Wi Fi in his car, he told officer Stone to have the individual to call him on that.

Holiday Pay –All of these items were addressed through Ms Jones, Ms. Harvey and Attorney Sidney.

Chief indicated the toilet was not mention in e mail only a sink leaking. Bubba was sent to repair but it never was fix. The Mayor shared Bubba told him it was

fix and never heard anything else about it. The roof was never brought to his attention, as the staff is aware if any maintenance needs to be done he takes care of it quickly.

There was additional conversation, re the email of June 3rd, timing, Holiday Pay air conditioner, etc.

Councilwoman Linda Butler - Chief Hayes and Mayor Sanders. I hear you and I am sure you have some valid points, but you sound so bitter right now. This is not the side of you I know.

Chief shared, he apologizes, but he sent an e-mail to the Mayor and received no response. Councilwoman Butler told him he could have picked up the phone himself, if he did not get a response to find out why he did not get a response or a call back. It could be a reason why he did not respond to the e-mail and not because he did not want to respond.

We want to make sure the police departments have all the training they need for the officer in the town of Swansea.

Councilwoman Butler inquired from Sidney, if the Town could use the Fine Arts Center.

Sidney shared with Council this was information Councilwoman Simmons told him and he passed it on to the Mayor and Ms. Harvey.

Councilwoman Linda Butler, told council she was tired of the way "ya'll talked to each other. This is not 1970, 1960 or 1950. We have to respect each other. When she hears the tone of ya'll voice puts angry in her. We are not going back to where we were. We all have to learn how to respect each other. Ms Doris seems to have a problem with certain people. The Mayor can do no right for you.

Councilwoman Simmons, shared the day they were to be sworn in they needed to work together. When sworn in, she said the Mayor informed them you should have your own stuff. Mayor, clarified the two councils to be sworn in told him they were bringing their own material for the proceeding.

Mayor told Councilwoman Simmons she posted in the paper his personal address, where people came by his house and slice his tires, called his constituents the Dog Pound, and he has copies. Councilwoman Simmons replied she never did it.

The Mayor presented the: **RESOLUTION: A CONTINUING RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWN OF SWANSEA UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020-21 BUDGET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THRETO.**

Mayor Sanders asked if there was a consideration for a motion on the Resolution. Councilwoman Simmons presented the motion to accept the Resolution and second by Councilman Davis and Councilwoman Butler, yes vote from Councilman Luongo. The motion carried, so ordered.

The Mayor presented for Carolina Business Equipment their 2nd Proposal for the office equipment to renew the contract. They will bring in new equipment at no cost to the town.

Councilwoman Simmons put a motion on the floor to table discussing the proposal on the CBE until they review further the updated proposal. Councilman Davis, Luongo voted yes Councilwoman Butler Yes. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

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A motion was put on the floor via Councilman Davis to adjourn and second by Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Luongo and Councilwoman Simmons. The Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Town of Swansea