

SWANSEA TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2016

The Swansea Town Council held their monthly General Meeting at the Swansea Municipal Building, Courtroom, 320 W. Third St, Swansea, S.C. The General Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ray Spires
Mayor Pro-tem Davis
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman David Martin
Councilman Jerald Sanders

GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Spires called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Spires stated that the media had been notified of tonight's meeting and agenda had been posted at the town hall and the police department. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Mayor Spires requested Councilman Davis lead Council in prayer.

Mayor Spires called for the approval of the minutes of the General Meeting of January 25, 2016. Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor and Council Updates: Mayor Spires reported the on line payments are ready to begin and the number of payments the water and police departments have received. The Mayor stated instructions were mailed with the water bills. The Mayor added customers will also be able to receive their bill by e-mail. Mayor Spires reminded Council that the annual Ethics statements are due by March 30th. No additional comments were made by Council.

Mr. Rick Bryan reported on the activities for the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Bryan stated there were no violations in January. Mr. Bryan stated two fire hydrants were run over; however, insurance is covering the replacement cost. Mr. Bryan also noted he annual sewer line cleaning has been complete. Mr. Bryan stated the staff will be doing smoke testing on the sewer system. Mr. Bryan stated he is waiting on DHEC approval for the tank upgrades and the Bull Swamp improvements have been bided and awarded. Mr. Bryan stated the town has purchased a drone to use in tank inspections and along the lines. The town is just waiting on the FAA permit.

Mr. Carlton Moore presented his monthly report meeting. Mr. Moore reported on trips to landfill and tonnage. Mr. Moore stated he would be doing maintenance on sidewalks.

Chief Hayes presented the stats for the month Police Report for last month and cases the department had during the month. Chief Hayes reported on break-ins occurring at area pharmacies.

A proclamation was presented to Council proclaiming the month of March "March for Meals Mayor". Councilman Sanders made a motion for the adoption of the proclamation, with a second Councilman Davis. All voted aye.

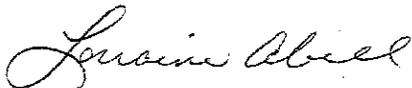
First Reading for Ordinance 0314216, Annexation of property located at 533 St. Matthews Road owned by Vatsal Suthar. Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the annexation as presented. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Open Forum: Joanne Clark addressed Council concerning a free clothing day on February 27th and the Lions Club meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Swansea Coffee Shop.

Executive Session-Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) 1, Legal Advice and Personnel Matter
Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) 2, Legal/Contractual - Website
Councilman Davis made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to the SC Codes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Martin, with a unanimous vote. Councilman Martin made a motion to resume the general meeting; with a second by Councilman Davis. All vote aye. There were no actions and received as information only.

Therefore, being no further business there was a unanimous vote for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine Abell
Town Clerk