

**SWANSEA TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 25, 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
Councilman David Martin
Councilman Jerald Sanders

ABSENT

Councilwoman Linda Butler

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 Public Hearing and General Meeting of December 28, 2015. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sanders and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor and Council Updates: Mayor Spires reported the on line payments are ready to begin and instructions were mailed with the water bills. The Mayor added customers will also be able to receive their bill by e-mail. The Mayor also noted that February's council meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 because of Presidents' Day. No additional comments were made by Council.

Mr. Rick Bryan reported on the activities for the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Bryan provided a yearly report, which was the first year with the report and next year's report will provide more information. Mr. Bryan stated because of the flooding in October and the large amounts of rainfall more water was being released into the sewer system. Mr. Bryan explained the City of Cayce had provided credits due to the flooding; however, our usage and cost there higher than they should be. The meter will be tested and if it returns ok; additional slow testing will have to be done to find out where the water is coming from. Mr. Bryan stated the staff has begun the valve testing for 2016. Councilman Sanders inquired about Mr. Ronald Jeffcoat, who had complained about his water bill. Mr. Bryan stated he had not heard from the gentleman after that night.

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 and in office this month.

Chief Hayes presented the stats for the month Police Report for last month and the yearly totals. The Chief reported the department had met for the first time the budgets goals for the police department.

Second Reading for the 2016 Budget, Ordinance # 122815-Finance. A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting and no comments were expressed. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sanders with a unanimous vote.

Open Forum: No Comments

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 Sanders, with a unanimous vote. Councilman Sanders 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