

# SWANSEA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES JUNE 20, 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  
Councilwoman Linda Butler  
Councilman David Martin  
Councilman Jerald Sanders

### ABSENT

Mayor Pro-tem Woodrow Davis

### 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 Sanders lead Council in prayer.

Mayor Spires called for the approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2016, General Meeting. Councilman Martin 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 stated he had meet with SCE&G concerning the sidewalk grant and they were ready to go with the plans. Mayor Spires informed Council that Lexington County has approved the use of C-Funds for both grants and would be paying the town's portion totaling approximately \$99,000.00. The Mayor stated the audit is in progress and hopefully will have a report next month. Mayor Spires informed Council that the on line payments are picking up a few more each month. The Mayor also stated a few business licenses are still outstanding and he is working on collecting them. In the near future, a listing of historical homes and guidelines for a historic district would be coming before Council for approval. Councilwoman Butler stated she was sorry for appeanng as she was sleeping at the last council meeting. Councilwoman Butler explained she was suffering from Type 2 Diabetes that she did not know she had and also heart issues. Council wished the best for Councilwoman Butler.

Mr. Rick Bryan gave the monthly water and sewer report. Mr. Bryan stated the sewer usage is still decreasing and three of the issues found have been resolved. Mr. Bryan explained the water loss is also down this month and the town had no water leaks. Mr. Bryan did state that both Bull Swamp and the Town of North had major leaks due to damaged hydrants and the hydrants were repaired. Mr. Bryan stated the Water Consumer Confidence Report has been completed, advertised, published on web-site and is available at the town hall.

Mr. Carlton Moore presented his reports for May and June of 2016, to Council.

Chief Hayes presented the stats for month. The Chief stated overall it was a quite month. The Chief reported on traffic check points held, motor vehicle thefts, and an armed robbery. Chief Hayes also reported as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, Officer Rodney McCaw would be leaving the force. Officer McCaw would be leaving for an opportunity for employment in Georgia. Chief Hayes thanked him for his service. The Chief also thanked the reserve officers who have stepped up and are filling in until a new officer is hired.

Agreement with SC Dept. of Juvenile Justice was presented to Council. The agreement places a cap of \$500.00 for the year for housing juveniles. Councilman Sanders made a motion to accept the agreement, with a second by Councilwoman Butler. All voted aye.

Councilwoman Linda Butler and the coaches of the Swansea Basketball League congratulated the young ladies of the league for their championship win on the court and for their academic accomplishment as well. Councilwoman Butler stated assisting coaching these ladies is her passion and she is very proud of the young ladies.

Open Forum: Mr. Jimmy Berry, 245 N. Monmouth Ave. complained once again about coon dogs barking and the odor from the coon dogs and he requested assistance from the town on this matter. Mr. Berry also requested something be done about the appearance of Monmouth St. Doris Simmons wanted to know the town's policy of refunding water deposits, how long are they held. Ms. Simmons requested the town review the issue of refunding deposits to commercial customers.

Executive Session: Mayor Spires stated Council needed to enter into executive session pursuant to current state codes to receive legal advice on a personnel matter. Councilman Martin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Butler to enter into executive session. The vote was all ayes. Councilman Sanders made a motion to resume the general meeting with a second by Councilman Martin. The vote was all ayes. There was one motion to come from the discussion. Councilman Martin made a motion to accept the job description for customer service representative with one noted amendment to add: "general administrative/clerical work as required" and the job be post for general public. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sanders and all vote aye. Therefore, being no further business there was a unanimous vote for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine Abell  
Town Clerk