

SWANSEA
TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 20, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Councilman 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 Swansea 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 consideration to approve the minutes from the General Meeting of April 15, 2019. A motion via Councilman Michael Luongo was presented and second by Councilman Davis. It was a unanimous vote in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor met with the Lexington County Recreation and Aging commission, who was asking for volunteers to work and serve in our community with the Meals on Wheels program. He has joined with them in those efforts for the community. Becky Pugh is the contact person for interest parties on that program.

The Lexington County Community Partnership Breakfast put on by the Lexington four administrative offices along with the school District 4 had its last breakfast

and network meeting Friday, May 24 at the Lexington 4 administration office, the Monroe Pinkney school building. The meeting starts at 8:00 for all interested community members are invited.

The Mayor shared, we have leaflets in the hallway for you to share with your neighbors, family, friend and church groups. The Town of Swansea First Pre-Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 29th downtown. Where we will have music, fireworks, Food trucks, games, prizes, kids are welcome open to the community. Please come and join us and wear something patriotic on that day.

Ms. Jackie Williams will coordinate our Veterans Day Memorial at the Foundation, where we will lay a wreath in remembrance of our love ones who have fought in the various wars to honor them on May 25th @ 12:00 noon.

WATER AND SEWER REPORT

Rick Bryan reported for the month of April; we had no DHEC violations. There were 35 work orders for the Town of Swansea, 80 locates.

We have been very busy with the contractors.

The contractors, Stutts and Williams started installing Water Mains on South Springs street on April 11th, to date we have completed South Springs street and West 2nd street we have all the water services in.

RIA informed us an engineer had to sign off on the draws on the first request. The Wooten company wanted 49k, however, the mayor was instrumental in getting assistance from Lexington Joint with his daily oversight and reports to them to assist in this matter. We were able to avoid that cost in completing our Water Main Replacement project.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Carlton Moore reported on his daily activities for the Town of Swansea for the month of March and April 2019.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Clif Hayes reported for the month of April 119 citations, worked 3 accidents 17 warrants, 60 reports 32 arrest.

Biggest problem within the month is illegal dumping of people's trash from their house into others business trash containers.

Mayor informed council of Leah Moody, Town Attorney sent a letter of resignation, a great opportunity with the career change.

Therefore, the town is appointing another town attorney under Section 8-2-140 Section 2.170 Swansea Code of Ordinance Attorney Evering of the Law Firm Parker Poe of Columbia. Mayor asked, what was council consideration for the appointment. A motion was placed on the floor by Councilman David Martin and second by Councilman Woodrow Davis. Question, via Councilman Luongo the former attorney (Sidney Evering) worked for the town and we may need a new set of legal eyes, etc. Mayor assured, Councilman Luongo he had spoken with Attorney Evering and he and firm are ok with him returning to work for the Town of Swansea. The motion was reintroduced with a unanimous vote to confirm.

Mayor present to council, the appointment for a new Municipal Court Judge. Arthur Meyers, Lexington County Magistrate for the Town of Swansea. He asked, if there was a consideration for a motion to appoint the judge under 1 Section 14.2. the consideration to appoint Judges Meyers, was presented by Councilman Martin and second by Councilman Davis. It was a unanimous vote to confirm.

Mayor Sanders, introduced Jacqueline Williams who shared the activities for the First Veterans Memorial for local veterans, troops who fought holistically together at 12:00 on May 25TH. The Memorial would have three gentleman who were Buffalo Soldiers on the program.

Jacqueline indicated, she needed volunteers to meet with her once a month. In an effort, to form a steering committee to have one community working together for the Town of Swansea.

OPEN FORUM

Ronald Sharpe worked for the Town of Swansea for 19 years suggested Fire hydrants be put on Huckabee Road. This would be a help to the Fire Department and the community.

A motion was presented to go into executive session by Councilman Lungo and second by Councilman Martin.

There were no votes or actions taken in executive session, therefore, there was a consideration to come out with a motion by Councilman Martin and Second by Councilman Luongo. It was unanimous. There was no further business before council; therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Martin and Second by Councilman Luongo to adjourn. It was a unanimous vote to close the session.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Town of Swansea
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