

TOWN OF SWANSEA

JERALD SANDERS,
MAYOR
WOODROW DAVIS, Jr.
MAYOR PRO-TEM



LINDA G BUTLER
MICHAEL LUONGO
DORIS W. SIMMONS

Swansea, South Carolina Swansea Town Council

General Meeting

January 27th, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Swansea Municipal Building Courtroom, 320 West Third Street

1. Meeting call to order
2. Media notification statement
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Prayer
5. Consideration to approve the tabled minutes of November 18th, 2019, General Meeting of December 16th, 2019 and the Special Called Meeting of January 7th, 2020.
6. Mayor and Council Comments
7. Water and Sewer Department Report
8. Street Maintenance Department Report
9. Police Department Report
10. Open Forum (3 Minute Time Limit)

11. Executive Session: Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2).
 - Legal Advice

Possible actions from Executive Session

Adjournment

Margaret Riley Harvey

Clerk/Treasurer

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SWANSEA
TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

GENERAL MEETING

The Swansea Town Council held its monthly meeting at the Swansea Municipal Building 320 West Third Street, SC 29160. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The Mayor stated, the notification of the meeting was posted at town hall, police department, Highway 321 on a sign and the website. While Councilman Luongo was concerned, the town's meeting was not legal because of the media notification sent but not run via the newspaper. The town Attorney Sidney Evering explained, the meeting did not have any legal problems but the town needs to have the publication of the meeting for the calendar year.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in the meeting followed in prayer by Councilman Woodrow Davis.

Mayor inquired, if there was a consideration for the approval of the minutes for General Meetings, November 18, December 16, 2019 and Special call meeting of January 7, 2020.

Councilman Luongo requested the floor be open up for discussion. He suggested, council table the minutes because his comments are not being recorded in the

minutes and referenced November 18th. Doris Simmons indicated the same for her comments.

Mayor suggested, they put in writing their comments to be amended to the minutes. The minutes do not help the town, getting out trying to bring business into the town of Swansea, with jobs and the like does, not minutes.

Councilman Davis shared, as Council they should respect one another and not be difficult.

Clerk Treasurer, Margaret Harvey, asked Mayor if she could respond. She shared, the minutes of November 18, 2019 was typed verbatim to avoid any questions of incorrect information being given. Councilwoman Simmons concerned her statement surrounding her thoughts of being discriminated on.

As Clerk Treasurer, I informed Luongo, he was using his position and power toward me to harass and a number of other things at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Linda Butler, reiterated in the workshop as long as the minutes capture the substance of the conversation not necessarily verbatim that is all that is required, which was supported via the town attorney Sidney Evering.

Councilwoman Linda Butler, stated council needed to get it together for they represented the town and the constituents.

After much discussion the minutes were voted on and passed with any necessary corrections, November 18th, December 16th 2019 and Special Call Meeting of January 7, 2020. Roll call Councilman Luongo and Councilwoman Simmons 2 (opposed) and Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Butler and Mayor Sanders 3 (in Favor) the motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mayor Sanders, Councilwoman Linda Butler and Councilwoman Doris Simmons attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Swansea High School Fine Arts Center.

WATER AND SEWER

Kevin Houser reported on the following:

- 42 Work Orders 33 replacing some Water Meters
- 3 inch Water Main Break on West 8th Street
- Called Cates Water System to come in to replace it.
- Water Value Leak at West 6th and South Breacon Street repaired.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Carlton Moore out of office Sick, No report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hayes shared a comparison of 2018 to 2019 Police results for the following:

	2018	2019
CITATIONS	889	1309
ACCIDENTS	35	32
WARRANTS	104	184
REPORTS	375	634
TOWED VEHICLES	58	133
DRUGS	67	221
VEHICLE THEFT	13	7
Robbery	6	3
Burglary	8	2

OPEN FORUM

NONE

Mayor asked, if there was no other town business to discuss, if there was a consideration for Adjournment. The motion was presented via Councilwoman Linda Butler and Second by Councilman Woodrow Davis. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret Harvey".

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer

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