Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, August 12, 2019

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the exterior bulletin board of the Town Hall at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting to order. Council, along with all those present, stood for the

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

Roll called indicated that all was present except Councilman Ott.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcome the guests that were present and thanked them for coming. Mayor Dickson then introduced Renwick McNeil and Doris Green, who are representing the 2020 Census and turned the meeting over to them. Both guests explained how important the Census was and asked if council would form a Complete Count Committee. This committee will go to the homes of those whom do not complete the 2020 Census form and help them complete the form. Mr. McNeil informed all present that the Census also had jobs available for anyone looking for a job. Council did not make a motion to set the committee up at this time.

Mayor Dickson explained that a request had been made to place an ad in the Tri County Book again for the cost of 625.00. We were on the cover of this book last year. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion to place an ad again. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson says Amy Bryant with the T & D is doing an Orangeburg City/County map and she has requested that the Town place a Business Card Size ad. Councilman Connelly made a motion to place ad. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson reported that the County Auditor was holding a meeting on the millage rate and when it has to be submitted by. Meeting will be August 15th at 10:00, I will be attending.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the July 2019 minutes. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Banks made the motion to approve the General Fund

Financial report. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship second the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: Everything is running smooth, nothing at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports: Everything is running pretty good, we did have a fan motor go out at the lift station on Turner Court. I have ordered the fan and will repair as soon as it comes in shipped overnight.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: We have had a great spring and summer. All 3 of our teams won the district tournament. We are now gearing up for soccer, football and cheerleading.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Ott reports: Councilman Ott is out, no report.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Our parks are being used and enjoyed. No issues with the buildings at this time.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Things are going well, had a good month.

Last month there was a discussion on Noise Ordinance signs. I have two quotes. I make a motion that we order the signs from Emedco for $477.32, this is 8 signs to place. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes states I also have a request to have the windows tinted in the police car. I have a quote from G.W. Window tinting for a cost of 185.00 per car. I make motion to have the windows tinted in each police car. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. None at this time

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Dickson: I am putting together a Raylrode Daze Golf Tournament to be held September 21, 2019. The cost to sponsor a hole will be 100.00. All funds will be for the Raylrode Daze. I ask if the Town of Branchville would be a hole sponsor. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion that the town sponsor a hole. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Public Comments Agenda:** Mr. Glenn Miller asked in reference to the noise ordinance signs what would that enforce. Chief Clark said any noise in general and engine braking, that the town had an ordinance and that ordinance would be enforced, we just needed the signs placed on the streets to be able to enforce them.

**Public Comments Other:** Mr. Glenn Miller asked if the town had a lease or not with the Railroad on the freight depot. Mayor Dickson said he was told we do have one, but he had not seen it. Councilman Connelly said he was looking into this and perhaps he would have that information by the next meeting.

**Items for Information:** Mayor Dickson announced the election and that for those interested paperwork was on the table explaining the rules. Mayor Dickson also read a thank you card from Lockett Elementary School thanking the town for the donation for the playground equipment fund.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:45PM. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:37PM. Councilman Connelly second the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson explained that during the Executive Session there was a discussion of personnel and that Chief Clark would go forward with looking at an adding an officer part time. Chief Clark would have that announcement later. We also discussed a business license issue, no reason to bring to council meeting at this time. We also discussed Farmers and Merchant about the purchase of the Chief’s car and payments to the car fund. With no further announcement, need motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly