Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, August 10, 2020

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, August 10, 2020 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 Banks.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present. Mayor Dickson introduced Mr. Charles Gregory, principal of Branchville School. Mr. Gregory introduced Dr. Shawn Foster, the Superintendent and Assistant Principal Debra Norman. They spoke briefly on the school’s issues with Covid-19. Handouts were given showing the schedule for the virtual classes. They asked that we inform parents and students that they did need to come out and register for school and pick up devices that would be used initially for the virtual learning. The council acknowledged what a good job they were doing and that the school was an asset to the town and that we the council will do whatever we possibly can to support you.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to approve the General Fund Financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Oliver 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: No Reports at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: The leak on Evans Street has not gotten any bigger that we can tell, we are still trying to wait on Penny Money to make that repair.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Still not a lot going on due to Covid. There is a hold at this time on fall football and cheerleading. We have had the Dixie Bells have practice some.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports: Quiet at this time, nothing scheduled.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: The Plexi-glass was placed on the counter here at town hall. Emergency lights have been purchased but are not installed at this time. We replaced the cylinders in the door locks and had keys made for the town hall. Have spoken with county to get assistance with perhaps edging with so much rain it is hard for the grass cutters to keep up. Also the street sweepers are supposed to be coming August the 17th. Council as well as the Mayor acknowledged that the grounds were looking good and that Greg himself was using a push mower trying to help out and again thanked Councilman Oliver for his hard work.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: No report at this time.

**Old Business:**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship said he did get the price on picnic tables for Horton Field. We can get the tales for 89.00 per table. I would like to make a motion to replace the old ones and purchase the picnic tables before we re-open the Park, whenever that might be. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson asked that Nelson remove the old tables and dispose of.

**New Business:**

1. Councilman Oliver informs those present that CCMO & Ace Basin Hub present a Drive-Thru for Covid-19 Relief at Town Hall. Boxes of Food Staples and Fresh Fruits/Vegetables. First come first served, per family. Stay in your car, will practice social distancing and have Photo ID ready. Will be August 20 at 10:30AM. We will have someone handling items, please stay in your car.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** None

**Items for Information:** Handouts on table for Drive-Thru for Covid-19 Relief.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:45 PM. Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:28. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship second the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship was called upon for a quote at the Sports Complex. Denny Bradham has given a quote for gutters and installation at the Sports Complex, I make a motion to have this work done. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Jumper was called upon and explained that during executive sessions there was discussion about letting Matt Clamp host an event in the Town of Branchville. Councilman Jumper made the motion to allow the event and Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Jumper asked Matt Clamp to speak about the event for a moment. Matt explained that he would hold a Youth Coon Hunt in February, it was a two day event. That he was a resident here and would like to do it in Branchville to help out the community as well as the young men taking a part in the hunt. He thanked the council for allowing this event to take place.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly