Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday December 11, 2023

6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday December 11 2023 at 6 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 call indicated all were present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Oliver to accept the November 13 2023 minutes; Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the November 2023 General Fund Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the November 2023 Water & Sewer Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the November 2023 Municipal Court Financial Reports; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports everything is going good. Clerk Jackson gave update about new copy machine purchase.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports things are going alright. Maintenance has been installing new Neptune Meters in place of the SetFlow. SetFlow company has filed for bankruptcy and is no longer in business. The Neptune meters are similar to the previous Mueller meters the town used and Maintenance crew are very satisfied.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reported nothing going on at this time.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples the upcoming Christmas Parade will be on December 16th at 6PM with Arts & Crafts and Community Yard sale will take place that morning-afternoon.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports everything has been going well. The back door at the community center has been replaced/repaired. Also, emergency lights have been installed in the Town Hall.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper reports everything is going good this month.

**Old Business:** Councilman Jumper wanted to inquire about a possible update on the installation of Spectrum internet throughout town. Mayor Dickson stated he has signed paperwork to begin production, there has been no given date to when production will start at this time.

**New Business:** A Final Read for the 2024 Budget has been scheduled for December 28, 2023 at 6:00 at Town Hall.

**Comments Agenda/Other Items**: None at this time,

**Items of Information:** Museum Operator, Al Lyons, brought donations that have been collected for the month. Also, mentioned there are a few lights out if the maintenance crew could take a look at.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated he attended a meeting in Santee to which internet providers were available to speak with. He spoke with a gentleman over Broadband to reassure they were still looking into the matter of having Broadband throughout town.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 6:22PM. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to go into session. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting back to order at 6:50PM. Councilman Connelly made the motion to return back to a regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. In Executive Session, Greg Oliver stated he is going to continue to look for new playground equipment for the parks.

Councilman Baker made a motion to buy the needed equipment for installation of the flags that will be moved to the Depot/Eatery. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Banks stated he will resign at the beginning of the year. More information will be provided regarding a special election soon.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Town Clerk

Madison Jackson