

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2013

PRESIDING: MAYOR GLENN MILLER

Mayor Miller called the Council meeting to order and all stood for Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was given by Councilman Tom Jennings. Mayor Miller swore in new Council Member Sam Whisenhunt. Mayor welcomed Councilmen Whisenhunt. All council members were present.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Benita Gibbs and seconded by Councilwoman Amy Bryant to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Lavina Williams followed up on the possibility of the Senior Citizens using the old lunchroom for their lunch program. Mayor Miller stated that he is working on getting the lunchroom presentable and it's a work in progress.

Ms. Vivian Fogle stated that if Mayor Miller had changed payroll then it should have stayed that way and employees and council should have respected that.

Mayor Miller said that the problem had been handled accordingly and if there are any more problems they should be addressed to him. Ms. Fogle said she was going to speak up because she didn't think what was going on was right.

Mr. Carlie said that everybody was doing a great job. He stated that the Mayor and council needed to work together and as he understood it the town ran as a strong council. He stated that if needed he could call the Ethics Commission so that everybody could be on one accord.

Outside Citizen Dennis Powers wanted to thank the Council and Mayor for getting the railroad tracks repaired.

Arlean Burns complained about the hole in her yard.

Betty Blaylock inquired about the Special Meeting minutes. She wanted to know if the pay changes were voted on.

Betty Wilson thanked the mayor for being so cooperative at the town voting. All council members agreed that all poll workers should be paid for working.

Councilman Chris Ott made a motion to accept the November and December financial reports. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Benita Gibbs. Motion carried .

Mayor Miller asked for a vote to pay off all loans by the end of the year. After discussion of loans, motion was made by Councilman Chris Ott and seconded by Councilwoman Benita Gibbs to pay off the loan for the police car. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Amy Bryant and seconded by Councilman Chris Ott to pay off streetscape loan. Motion carried.

Councilman Tom Jennings reminded everyone about the January 25 meeting regarding the Post Office.

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs announced about the sale of reflective signs on February 2. The signs would be sold by the fire department. It is a town ordinance for each house to have some type of reflective sign.

Mayor Miller stated that a new police officer had been hired. The new officer will ~~be part time and assist in giving the town 24 hour protection for no extra money.~~

In discussing the old freight depot, Mayor Miller stated that it does need to be further repaired and that he felt sure that the town maintenance crew could do the repairs.

Mayor Miller stated that the surplus vehicle needed to be sold "as is". Motion was made by Councilman Tom Jennings and seconded by Councilwoman Benita Gibbs to sell this vehicle. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller said that he thinks he can come up with funds to make the old fire station into a library.

Councilman Sam Whisenhunt said that regarding the freight depot that an assessment of the project needs to be made. Councilman Tom Jennings stated that the town needs to check with the railroad to see what the requirements are since they own the property.

Councilman Sam Whisenhunt said that the town needed a budget for the library project.

Motion was made by Councilman Tom Jennings and seconded by Councilwoman Benita Gibbs to look into the possibility of the old fire station being used for a library. Motion carried.

Election for Mayor Pro Tem was held by secret ballot. Councilman Tom Jennings was elected.

Mayor Miller asked that, regarding the new town hall, if the general contractor did not come by Wednesday can he contact the town attorney. Motion was made and seconded for this action to happen. Motion carried

Motion was made, seconded and carried for meeting to adjourn.

Respectfully yours,



Myra Gaskin
Town Clerk