

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday August 14, 2017

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on August 14, 2017 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the front door 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 Mayor Dickson, Councilwoman Bryant, Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Ott, Councilman Dukes, and Councilman Oliver was present. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings was absent.

Welcome of Guest: Was given by Mayor Dickson.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the General Fund Financial report. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Dukes second the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson introduced Mrs. Lori Salley. Mrs. Salley is with McGregor & Company, an accounting firm, she will give the 2016 Annual Report for The Town of Branchville.

Mrs. Salley gave each council member copies of her annual report as well as a report on Other Matters. Mrs. Salley brought out several different pages in the annual report in open forum. Mrs. Salley also brought to council's attention matters concerning the victim assistance program. After her presentation, Councilman Blankenship made a motion to accept the 2016 Annual Audit Report. Councilman Ott seconded the motion, motion carried.

Council Reports:

1. City Hall/License/Insurance:

In the absences of Mayor Pro Tem Jennings, Mayor Dickson brought before the council the Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Policy, Ordinance # 8-1-97. Councilman Ott made a motion to accept the amendment to the personnel policy. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Police Department:

Councilman Dukes, state that everything is running smoothly. Nothing to report at this time.

3. Water, Sewer, Streets

Councilman Ott reports that we have two new employees with the town. George is one of them and he has already gotten several pieces of our equipment up and running. Equipment that has been sitting not usable is now working. Daniel is the other he is cutting lot of the grass, and trying to get things cleaned up. Also, we had a bad water leak on Highway 21. Lighting struck a tree and busted the water the main water line. This affected

mostly the Cattle Creek Community, the water tank at Cattle Creek was empty. We had a storm on Sunday night and began to get calls about low water pressure, no water. The search for the problem began around 11:30pm on Sunday night, found problem around 9:30am. The crew began to work on the busted water line and completed the project around 2:30pm.

4. **Parks & Recreation:**

Councilman Blankenship says that the sports complex is quiet right now, however it will be cranking up. Football, soccer and cheerleaders will register on Monday.

5. **Projects & Events:**

Councilwoman Bryant reports she is working on a Halloween Fall Event, but doesn't have all the details at this time. Mayor Dickson said that Mayor Pro Tem asked if the rides could be placed again by the Town Hall like last year. Councilwoman Bryant made a motion that the rides could be placed in the same area. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

6. **Buildings & Grounds:**

Councilman Oliver reports nothing new at this time. I am still waiting on some information that is needed to repair windows at the Railroad Museum.

Old Business:

1. No old business at this time.

New Business:

1. Council Oliver explained that the Town needs to purchase work zone signs. When the water main had the break the other day, we had no signs giving warning to the public. Councilman Oliver made a motion that the town purchase the necessary work signs. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comments Agenda: Mr. Glen Miller requested that at Horton Field around the benches needed to be weed eaten and sprayed with round up. Councilman Oliver said that had just been done and that he had spoken with them about this.

Dale, the reporter with the T&D, thanked the Branchville Police Department, for their assistance with her elderly family member and spoke of how kind and nice they were. She wanted to let them know that she did appreciate their kindness.

Public Comments Other: Mr. Glen Miller wanted to know when was trash pickup going to change and what day was our trash pickup. Mayor Dickson informed that we did not know at this time. Last council meeting we did agree to change, however Waste Management was to inform each customer before they switched days.

Mr. Miller also wanted to know what the council had found out about the timber that had been cut by the Railroad and the mess that was left. Councilman Ott informed him that the Railroad was going to replant that area back with trees. Councilman Blankenship also told him that there was a process that had to be followed for replanting. They have to let it grow back up before they can kill it to replant it.

Ms. Vivian Fogle asked Councilman Ott if the leak on Hwy. 21 could that be the reason for her low water pressure also. Councilman Ott told her yes, it could have, and he wanted to know from her if it was ok later that day. Ms. Fogle said yes, everything was fine.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION: Mr. Glenn Miller suggested we put on the Town Sign about Eclipse Eye protection. It was discussed back and forth. The Town of Branchville can't endorse any type of eye protection for liability reasons.

Executive Session: Councilman Dukes made a motion to leave for Executive Session. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. Council left at 8:05.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting. Councilman Ott seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Councilman Ott had applied for a Community Development Block Grant Program Application Request. Councilman Ott made a motion that this Block Grant Program be signed. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson stated that Mayor Bishop from Rowesville talked about the mosquito control. The Town of Rowesville would supply the truck, driver with certification to spray, and 1/3 price on the chemicals and for the Town of Branchville to supply the mosquito equipment and 2/3 of the cost of the chemicals. Mayor Dickson made a motion to join in with the Town of Rowesville. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Ott to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:40PM.

Town Clerk
Faye Connelly