

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2013

The regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Branchville was held on December 9, 2013 at 6pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Miller.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called indicated that all council members were present.

Mayor Miller welcomed the guest.

Mayor Miller said he had called for executive session but the matter was resolved and he no longer needed to go into executive session.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Amy Bryant. The second was made by Councilman Sam Whisenhunt. The motion carried.

Public Comments: Ms. Desiree Connelly said she was invited by the Mayor to come to the council meeting. She is concerned about the Town not having Christmas lights up. She said it was the Mayor's lack of planning that the lights were not up.

Ms. Betty Glover said it was poor that Branchville is the only town that does not have Christmas lights up.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Bryant. The second was made by Councilwoman Gibbs. The motion carried.

Old Business: Mayor Miller said he has a group interested in renting the high school cafeteria. Mayor Miller said he has an attentive lease that will be voted on in the next meeting.

Mayor Miller said there is still no word from the Highway Dept on four way stop sign on Ott St. He said it is still on their agenda.

Councilman Whisenhunt said Mr. Hendren did a good job on the online bill pay and wanted to know where we are. Mayor Miller said he wanted the town's attorney to read over it before we go forward. Mayor Miller said the attorney will have it this week.

Councilman Ott said next year he would like for us to try and keep the Christmas party in town.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Jennings asked what the status of the high school gym being clean out. Mayor Miller said all the clothes were in bags and the Salvation Army will pick them up. Mr. Hendren said the Salvation Army was short staffed and having trouble picking up the clothes.

They questioned if we could take the clothes to them. Mayor Miller said Ms. Ronda Peebles said we could give the clothes to the town's people that are in need.

New Business: Mr. Blaine Heffelfinger was on the agenda but was not there.

Mayor Miller said we did not have a bid for the backhoe. Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to contact an auctioneer to sell the backhoe. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings second the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Miller said in the council packets is the proposed 2014 council meeting schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings made the motion to approve the 2014 council meeting schedule. Councilman Gregory Oliver second the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Miller said that in 2014 he would like to have a Christmas Parade. He said that Jenny Elliott and Lee Hendren have volunteered to help with the parade. Mayor Miller said that we need more volunteers to help with the Christmas Parade.

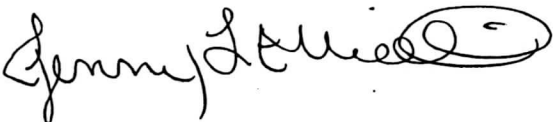
Councilman Whisenhunt made motion that the 3rd week in October the lights be pulled out and checked. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings second the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Betty Glover asked to speak. Mayor Miller asked for council's approval for Ms. Glover to speak. Council approved. Ms. Glover said she lives on Logan Street and there is only one city light on the street. She said where she lives it is dark. She said there was a light across the street at her aunt but the light is now out. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said if they are still paying for the light they can call and report it to SCE&G. Councilman Ott said he has SCE&G coming to look at the lights on Buttes St and he will have them look at her area.

Items for Information: Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said he sent the county administrator an email about the penny and he replied back that the money should be ready to be distributed in March 2014.

Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Oliver second the motion the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jenny Elliott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jenny Elliott
Town Clerk