Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

April 10, 2017

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on April 10, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Jennings, Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Ott, Councilman Dukes, and Councilman Oliver was present, Councilwoman Bryant was absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Blankenship made the motion to approve the General Fund

Financial report. Councilman Oliver 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 Blankenship second the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings reports that everything is going fine. It was brought to my attention that our insurance will be going up next year on our buildings, vehicle, etc. Waste Management is however, an issue. I looked at the contract and the contract will not expire until 2021. The town clerk is to email each council person a copy of the Waste Haulers/Waste Management contract. They are to look at it and see if they can find some points to perhaps sway better service.
2. Councilman Dukes reports that all is doing well in Police Department. Running smoothly nothing else at this time.
3. Councilman Ott had nothing to report at this time with the water and sewer department.
4. Councilman Blankenship reports that Parks & Rec. has a lot going on. Springsports is wide open. Soccer is finished. He also reports that they have hosted softball and baseball jamborees. The softball jamboree was great the parking lot was full.
5. Councilwoman Bryant was not present, no reports given at this time.
6. Councilman Oliver reported for buildings and grounds. The heating and cooling unit was repaired at the Eatery, and the town signs are being worked on.

**OLD Business:**

1. Councilman Oliver still has a request for lights to be installed on Butts Street, he would like to see lights in this area. Mayor Dickson asked that he get a quote from SCE&G and council will view it.
2. Christmas parade is scheduled December 16, 2017 at 4:00PM. Motion was made by Councilman Dukes for this event. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. Councilman Ott reported that he spoke with Goff @ DHEC. The solution to the sewer for the Church on the south end of town is to give the Church easement rights to run a line. Councilman Ott said that there would be no cost to the town other than we would need to have someone to oversee this project, that both sides would have to be supervised. Councilman Ott made a motion to give Jerusalem Holiness Firstborn the easement to install this line. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Councilman Oliver says roof needs replacing at the playground on Evans Street. That shingles are missing, replace doors now with steel doors, replace toilet. He has residents that would make the repairs if the town would supply the materials. The residents will watch over the Park watch over it and keep it locked. Cost of materials 1000.00. Councilman Oliver made a motion for the town to purchase the material for 1000.00. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson said that with the next penny monies more improvements could be made to the park.

**Public Comments:**

1. Ms. Vivian Fogle asked was there any way she could possibly get someone to put up some

speed signs on the street she lives on. It is like a race track on my street. Another street that needs a speed sign is Charles Street. Trinadell Stroman requested this street. Mayor Dickson and Chief Clark will work on the traffic speed signs issue.

**Items for Information:**

1. Mayor Dickson informed those present that a while back the gentleman that took care of our water and wastewater falsified some DHEC records and a fine was issued to the Town of Branchville. This gentleman’s case came before the Solicitor’s Office, and he was denied community service.
2. Mayor Dickson informed those present that there will be a Sunrise Easter Service at the Sports Complex April 16, 2017 at 7:00AM.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Ott made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left for Executive Session at 7:35.

Executive Session: Councilman Blankenship made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting. Councilman Ott second the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson reported during Executive Session that the council agreed to sell the Old Lockett School to Southern District New Covenant Fellowship, Inc. for $30,000.00. Councilman Oliver made the motion to sell Old Lockett School for 30,000.00. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson also reported that the council discussed the contracts for the towns new Locator to do the Town locates for 811 Dig. Councilman Ott made a motion to use USIC as our locator for the Towns locator. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:00PM.

Town Clerk