

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday July 10, 2017

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, July 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, Councilwoman Bryant, Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Ott, Councilman Dukes, and Councilman Oliver was present.

Welcome of Guest: Was given by Mayor Dickson.

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

Approval of Financial Report: Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the General Fund Financial report. Councilman Dukes 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 the Old High School at 360 Barton Street has no insurance at this time. The wing footage to insure is 9380 square feet, and also the Cafeteria portion square footage of 3094 square feet. Councilman Ott made a motion to insure the Old High School. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. Councilman Dukes reports the new radar is not in yet. The used radars have been returned, and we are waiting on the new radar. When the new radar arrives, the company will install new radar, calibrate it, and install the used radars at the same time. Chief Clark will check on arrival date of the new radar. Everything else is fine. Chief Clark said everything is running fine.
3. Council Ott has no reports, everything is fine at this time. Mayor Dickson mentioned the new lawn mowers. Council Ott says yes we have them, they are being used and no problems.
4. Councilman Blankenship reports June is a slow month with the sports complex. In July they will start signing up for football and cheerleaders.
5. Councilwoman Bryant has no reports at this time with Projects and Events.
6. Councilman Oliver reports that they are still working on the playground on Evans Street. He reports that windows were broken out at the Railroad Museum and that he was getting a quote on that at the present time.

Old Business:

1. No old business at this time.

New Business:

1. No new business at this time.

Public Comments Agenda: Mr. Glenn Miller says the grass at the fence line at Horton Field is tall and needs to be trimmed. Councilman Oliver informed him it would be taken care of.

Public Comments Other: Mr. Miller says where the railroad cut trees at Stevens Street area is a mess and ask that this area be looked at and cleaned. Council Ott said that he thought someone purchased this from the railroad and was now privately owned. Town Clerk is to find out who owns property and will issue complaint letter.

Mrs. Vivian Fogle thanked Councilman Oliver for the help that he provided, as well as thanking Councilwoman Bryant for the help with the tree that had fallen on the trailer. Mrs. Fogle said she would offer her help to anyone that needed it again, and said thanks to Councilman Oliver for working toe to toe with her on this matter.

Rev. John Green with Upstart Ministries stated they signed the paperwork to purchase Old Lockett School. They are having a cleanup day on the inside on August 26th, anyone who would like to help please come.

Items for Information: Mayor Dickson announced that three council seats will come open in the next election. Seats coming open would be Councilwoman Bryant, Mayor Pro Tem Jennings, and Councilman Blankenship's seat. Mayor comments that he hopes they will run again. Candidate's book for signing up for the election will open August 1, 2017 at 12:00 noon and close on August 15, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

Executive Session: Councilman Dukes made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:16PM.

Councilman Blankenship made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:05. Councilman Dukes second the motion, motioned carried.

Councilman Blankenship said that they had requested the contractors to rebid on the storage/batting cage. Council voted to go with lowest bidder cost of 57,765.00. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to accept the lowest bid with Monteith Pole Bldg. Systems. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Ott said that the drug policy we have needs to be modified. Council Ott made a motion 1st reading, in name only, for new drug test policy in our personnel policy. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Dukes has a contract between the Town of Branchville and DJJ of South Carolina. He explains the town has no way to house any juvenile we arrest. DJJ will house them for a cost of \$50.00 per day. Councilman Dukes made a motion to agree to this contact. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson says the town has received a request from Waste Management asking if they could change their pick up date from Friday to Thursday. Waste Management will let the customers know of the change of date.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to allow the date of pick up to be changed to Thursday. 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 at 8:08PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faye Connelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Town Clerk
Faye Connelly