

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 2017

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on May 8, 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.

Welcome of Guest: Was given by Mayor Dickson.

Approval of Minutes: Council Blankenship made the motion to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes. Councilman Ott 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. Council Oliver second the motion, motion carried.

Council Reports:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings reports all is doing well with the City Hall/License/Insurance. Waste Management is doing a little better.
2. Councilman Dukes reporting for the Police Department. No issues at this time. Chief Clark reported that a homicide had occurred since last meeting. The Branchville Police Department was assisting in this matter and that they had a lead that was being followed up on.
3. Councilman Ott reporting for Water and Sewer Department. Everything is going well. Nothing new at this time.
4. Councilman Blankenship reporting for Parks and Recreation. We are still wide open. We have two weeks left of softball and baseball left.
5. Councilwoman Bryant was absent tonight, her son is playing in a state championship game. No other comment for this department.
6. Councilman Oliver reporting for Buildings & Grounds. Town signs are here and ready to be put up. Everything is going fine with no problems. Need to hang door on the old fire department building, will do as soon as we can.

Old Business:

1. Council Oliver reports that he spoke with Mike at SCE&G about the cost for 8 lights on Butts Street. He had two different types of lights that could be installed. Cost of 7822.00 for one type the other lights (LED) would be 12,126.00 to install. Mayor Dickson said that at this

- time with the budget that maybe we should wait. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings made a motion to table the lights on Butts Street. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. Council Oliver also reported that replacement of the doors at the playground on Evans was installed, roof had been shingled, other improvements was made. The only thing left to do was some plumbing and painting. Everything else was done.
 3. Councilman Ott reported that the easement was given to Jerusalem Holiness Firstborn Church.

Public Comments Agenda: Mr. Glenn Miller ask if access to the bathroom would be locked. Councilman Oliver explained yes, that they were that someone would be watching over it. That a deposit maybe required and after the event if nothing was broken and ok that the deposit could be returned. Councilman Blankenship asked who would be over that. Councilman Oliver replied that he would be.

Public Comments Other: Mr. Glenn Miller asked what ever happened with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Town Hall. Mayor Dickson was unaware of past discussion on this matter since he entered office after the construction had taken place. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said it had been discussed and that he would come up with a plan for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Items for Information: Mayor Dickson spoke of the Easter Sunrise Service that was held at the Sports Complex and that about 60 to 70 people were there. He also stated that the next weekend that Re-Lay for Life hosted a kickball event.

Mayor Dickson had heard concerns about the sale of Lockett School that was voted and discussed last month during council meeting. He explained again that this was good for Branchville.

Councilman Oliver said that he was told that limbs from a tree was hiding a stop sign On Turner St.

Councilman Ott said that the town's maintenance department will take care of this matter.

Executive Session:

Council Ott made the motion to go into Executive Session. Council Dukes seconded motion carried. Left for Executive Session at 7:20PM.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting. Councilman Ott second the motion, motioned carried. Council returned to regular council meeting at 7:45. Mayor Dickson said nothing was voted on at this time.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Blankenship to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

Faye Connelly
Town Clerk