Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Monday September 10, 2018

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 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 and all council was present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcome the guests to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the August 13, 2017 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Ott 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 Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: I have four different insurance carriers getting quotes for perhaps different insurance coverage. Should have quotes ready in October.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Ott reports: We have gotten highway 21 patched, it has been completed. Everything else is ok. The revenue is up due to CDBG grant monies passing though the account. The generator will be mobile and we will use it as needed in different areas during the storm.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: We are running wide open with football, soccer, and cheerleading. Football games will be on Tuesday nights. We are following the county schedule with canceling practice, etc until after the storm.
4. **Projects/Evens:** Councilman Connelly reports: I spoke with Tom Jennings and we are going to leave the military flags up through Raylrode Daze. I have gotten a quote on some flag poles and they are on sale at this time for 99.99 plus shipping. They will hold this price for us if council will approve the cost. I would like to make a motion to purchase one flag pole at the present time see how it works, then at the next council meeting if pleased with this flag pole will seek council’s permission next month to order the remaining flag poles. Councilman Oliver seconded motion, motion carried. I would also like to make available my truck and trailer for the parade for the council and would like the dress code to be coveralls dress for the old times. All council decided they would participate.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Everything went well with buildings and grounds this past month. I do have a request from Dr. Crawford, she would like to place a sign for the market on the building we agreed they could use.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Good month this past month, a total of 469 cases was documented by the police department. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship wanted the police department to know he thought they were doing a good job. It makes our town safer and just wanted you to know that if you speed in Branchville, you will get a violation. This violation makes our town safe.

**Old Business:**

1. Councilman Connelly wanted to thank anyone that called Enmark on behalf of the gas prices. They did lower it a dime a gallon. Councilman Banks thanked the council as well as the community for their participation in supporting the Dixie Bells during their tournament, we didn’t win but we tried. Mayor Dickson also wanted to inform everyone that he spoke with John Cangus about the drainage problem. He did come down and look and opened every manhole. He says there is a lot of sand in the manholes and he will get a crew to clean those out.

**New Business:**

1. None at this time.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None at this time.

**Public Comments Other:** Betty Glover wanted to let council know she appreciated that her street (Logan) was paved. Now they have a problem with speeders, and since the road had been paved, she now had a water problem in her yard. All the water from the road washed down into my yard. Mayor Dickson told her to give him a little time due to this storm and he would call Henry Summers and see if he could help us out with this problem.

Brittany Glover said she was attending SC State and she was attending the meeting tonight to see how business was conducted. She also said this was the first meeting she had attended but she would be back. Council thanked her for coming.

**Items for Information:** Mayor Dickson wanted everyone to know that on the table for the public was Orangeburg’s County Weather information. It has on it numbers for information and you are welcome to take one.

**Executive Session:** Nothing at this time.

Mayor Dickson asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dukes made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly