Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the exterior bulletin board 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 absent was Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship and Councilman Banks, all other council was present.

**Welcome of Guest:**  Mayor Dickson welcomed those present. Mayor Dickson explained he had met with a representative with Dominion and Edisto Electric previously and that Mr. Lee Michaels is here tonight to explain the meeting. Mr. Michaels states that Edisto Electric and Dominion have reached an agreement concerning electric services in this area. I met with the Mayor and Kevin with Edisto Electric and we went over the areas and whom will be providing the services in that area. I have provided you a map showing the areas that will be covered by whom. If the Town of Branchville is in agreement with the area of service and the services provided with said companies the agreement would need to be signed. Councilman Dukes made a motion to accept the agreement with Dominion and Edisto Electric. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson thanked Mr. Michaels for his services with Dominion and looked forward to working with him.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing on December 12, 2020. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Financial report. Councilman Jumper 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 Oliver made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: Clerk Connelly reported no reports at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: Repairs have been made to all water lines at this time. Councilman Jumper recognized Eric Caldwell, thanking him for his services. Council as a whole thanked him for the job he was doing. The edging and trash removal has really improved the town.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Mayor Dickson said the Complex held a benefit last Saturday for a family that was burned out and lost everything. Nothing else at this time.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reported that we had a small Christmas parade, maybe next year would be better.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Reported some issues with broken fences and that he was meeting tomorrow with someone on the fences. We have an issue with people entering the parks and using the restrooms, also will discuss what we can do to protect the restrooms. The parks are closed at this time due to COVID. Mayor Dickson said he would speak with his son on the cost of perhaps some deer cameras.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Our court system at the present time again has been postponed due to COVID. Officers are still working, just can’t hold court at current time.

**Old Business:**

1. Mayor Dickson explained due to COVID the community center was closed and would continue to stay closed. We are also doing renovations to the community center during the closing.

**Public Comments Other:** Mr. Al Jenkins with Senator Scott’s office congratulated Mayor Dickson on his retirement from the county. He let the council know he was here if they needed anything, just give him a call.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:20PM.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:20. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson asked Clerk Connelly to submit the quote from Bruce Ellis Consulting to Orangeburg County in the amount of $8,093.06 for 4th penny money from the water and sewer improvements that we needed to get the upgrade on this pump.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Oliver to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly