Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, November 8, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, November 8, 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 that all council was present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed the two guests. He acknowledged Rhonda Peeples as the incoming councilwoman from the election results. Mayor Dickson asked for a motion for the budget and for the Ordinance for water sewer rates. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion in name only for the Budget. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion in name only for the Ordinance for Sewer & Water Rates. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson also explained in the packets was a schedule for the up-coming dates for the 2022 Council Meetings and what is the council’s pleasure. Councilman Dukes made a motion to accept the dates as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to approve the October 11, 2021 minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly 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 Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: Nothing that I am aware of. Clerk Connelly said we have received the renewal policy for the insurance coverage on the property of the town. Councilman Banks will look at before we proceed.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: Going good, we do have some leaks and they are scheduled for repair.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Not a lot going on at this time, off season right now. Some of our teams did win championship games.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports. Nothing new at this time. He thanked Rhonda Peeples for the Halloween Event at the Junction it was a great success and perhaps we could do again next year.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Replaced the thermostat in the maintenance building. Repairs were made at the Healthplex for the AC/Heating unit and it had been secured so this could not happen again. Mayor Dickson told Greg that he had a request that the bushes needed to be trimmed at the Healthplex and that the Maintenance take care of this after the repair of the leaks.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Going good. Chief Clark reported that Goldshield was up and running and was a great asset.

**Old Business:**

1. Councilman Connelly asked Mayor Dickson if he had an update yet from Century Link about the internet. He asked Clerk Connelly to remind him to call.

**New Business:**

1. None.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** Rhonda Peeples requested the council’s permission to host an arts and crafts fair as well as a community yard sale at the Junction the 1st Saturday in December. R.R. Days Committee hadn’t given her an answer yet due to an insurance issue. Mayor Dickson informed her that the building was covered under the Town’s insurance. Mayor Dickson told her as long as the R.R. Days committee did not have an issue with it, it was not a problem.

**Items for Information:** None

**Executive Session:** At 7:15PM Councilman Dukes made a motion to go to Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Council returned at 7:55 and Councilman Dukes made a motion to return to regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson reports that in Executive Session no report at this time other than the council will meet again on November 23rd at 6:30 for another budget work session.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Charles Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly