Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday December 13, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, December 13, 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 were present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the November 8, 2021 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson asked for a motion on the final read for 2022 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to accept the 2022 budget as presented. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson asked for a motion on the final read for the 2022 Water/Sewer Ordinance. Councilman Connelly made the motion to accept the 2022 Water/Sewer Ordinance as presented. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes

made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship 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: He welcomed Gwen Harbeson as a new employee, who will be replacing Faye when she leaves.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: Always fun working in water dept. We do have a leak on hwy 21, will repair as soon as possible.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Online registration for sports from January 2 through the 22 on BYS Facebook page.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports. Rhonda Peeples held an arts & crafts event. Turn out was good and we’re looking for great turn out next year. Councilman Oliver reported the parade was good, but we need more participation in the parade.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Freight Depot close to being finished.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Everything going good.

**Old Business:**

1. Councilman Connelly asked Mayor Dickson had he checked on internet service with CenturyLink. Mayor Dickson responded no, he had not. Wendy Myles expressed concern about fast acting internet service. She wanted to know if we could get another company in to supply internet to citizens in town who work from home. In open discussion the Mayor asked Councilman Banks to move forward with the subject.

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Dickson and councilmen thanked Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship for his years of service. This was his last meeting as councilman.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** None

**Items for Information:** None

**Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:26 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:15 PM. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson said the rates for renting the new freight depot would be as follows:

Orangeburg County residents would be $350 @ day with a $ 150 security deposit. Deposit will be refunded if the freight depot is left in clean condition. Non Orangeburg County residents would be $ 450 @ day with a $150 security deposit, which will be refunded if venue left in clean condition. Rental will be from 8:00 AM until 1:00 AM. Your event has to be over at 1:00 AM but who rents the venue can stay and clean. Need to be cleaned by 8:00 AM the following morning.

Community Center rental increased from $50 rental to $100.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly