Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday June 13, 2022

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday June 11, 2022 at 7 PM at 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 call indicated that all were present except Councilman Banks.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to accept the May 9, 2022 minutes. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly made a motion to approve the General Fund Financial Report; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly then made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Financial Report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor made the motion to approve the Municipal Court Financial Report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Jumper reported that everything is running smoothly. Our Clerk, Ms. Jackson, is doing great and catching on well.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports everything is going well. We had one leak this month, which has been repaired. All sewer problems have been taken care of for the time being. Lawn Care employee has been hired and are in the process of filling another position. Stated town did not receive the non- match Infrastructure Grant we proposed last month to upgrade and repair water lines. Highways and streets are also being patched and paved.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks was absent. Council reported that the town is working with PRT on renovations and a potential walking track.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports the RR Daze Golf Tournament had a great outcome. Unfortunately, the yard sale didn’t have a good turnout, Peeples stated she feels she doesn’t have the townspeople support. Councilwoman Peeples also thanked Harriett Hughes for her kind services in helping with the event. As of now there are no upcoming events, in the meantime she will continue to come up with new ideas.

 **5. Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reported there were two air conditioning

Units that were down in the main building due to a blown blower and outlet. It has been repaired. Picnic tables at the spray park are being replaces with more durable metal tables due to the wooden tables becoming outdated.

**6. Police Department:** Councilman Banks and Chief Clark reported things are going good. Our Municipal sector is in the process of receiving new radios for communications to be switched over in the upcoming months.

**Old Business:** Mayor Dickson brought the Freight Depot to attention and how it continues to be a hit. It has several events booked throughout 2022-2023.

**New Business:** Mayor Dickson shared Orangeburg County Broadband Expansion. Due to mass complaints about Century Link, Orangeburg County Broadband is becoming accessible throughout town. Citizens can contact OCB to inquire about potential internet with Broadband.

Mayor expressed a rural infrastructure grant has been proposed, involving 9 million dollars which will be appropriated in September to go towards the town. There will be a webinar meeting pertaining info the grant on June 29 at 10am.

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

**Public Comments: Other:** Townsperson, Glenn Miller, had comments pertaining his water bill. Mayor offered to speak with him personally to resolve the issue. Mr. Miller also stated he would like for the flags to be put up around town with the upcoming holiday

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson called Councilman into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made the motion to go into session; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to return to regular council meeting at 8:20pm.

During Exec Session, Mayor Dickson states that Orangeburg County has purchased the old bleachers at Horton Field. Councilman Dukes made a motion to accept the matter at hand; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

***Town Clerk***

***Madison Jackson***