Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Presiding

Monday September 12th, 2022

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday September 13, 2022 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 Pro Tem Oliver called the meeting to order. Council, along with all those present, stood for the

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

Roll call indicated all were present, except Mayor Dickson who is on vacation at this time.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver welcomed those present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to accept the August 8th, 2022 minutes. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Banks to accept the special council meeting minutes held on August 26th, 2022; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to approve the General Fund Financial Report; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Financial Report; Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court Financial Report; Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Jumper reports everything is going good at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports the department is running smoothly, with minor repairs and new taps being put in around the town. States that we have been approved for a 2022 Water Systems Improvement Grant for $986 thousand, the town will have to match it by 20 thousand dollars. The towns match will be paid out of our ARP Funds that was given by the government last year.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reports things are good but could be better, he encourages the citizens to get their youth back into sports. On April 27th 2022, Councilman Banks asked the concerned citizens of Branchville’s Facebook page to put out a post to see if a walking track around Horton Field would be utilized. States there had been over 40 positive responses saying citizens were in favor of the idea. Four companies were asked for bids for the walking track, with only one response. Councilman Banks made a motion to accept the bid made by Masters Construction in the amount of $39,674.00, which penny money will pay for. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports the upcoming events that are happening in the following months. Raylrode Daze kicks off next Friday September 23rd-24th, the streets will be filled with food vendors and live music. The newly renovated Freight Depot will be showcased during the open Ceremony on Friday September 23rd to everyone with refreshments to offer. Events in October include the Town Junk a Treat that will be held in the Branchville Junction on the 30th from 6-8pm. Councilwoman Peeples states there will be a meeting held on Oct 16th for anyone that wanted to participate in the event and have a booth set up. The Branchville Christian church is also having a trunk or treat on the same night, October 30th from 6-7pm.

**5. Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports things are good, we have a leak in the main

Building air conditioner that is leaking through the ceiling and is in the process of being repaired. Stated our emergency lights in the Town building do not work, and asked Councilman to vote on which lights they would like. Councilman Banks made the motion to accept the cost of the LED Emergency Lights, Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried

 **6. Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports the month of August was a good month our Police Department.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:** The Towns 1st yearly budget meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday October 4th, 2022.

**Public Comments Agenda/ Other:** Townsperson, Glenn Miller; made an appearance and approached the town with his concern. He questioned why town maintenance was working on a meter located on a property of his. Councilman Connelly answered “there had been a busted service line on that location that had not been in use for several years, it was being repaired at that time and covered to prevent any further problems”. Townsperson Terrance Gibbs; also made an approach asking the town about a Cornerstone Plaque for the front of the Town Building. Council reassured him they will be talking with the Mayor about the situation.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver called the Councilman into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss the Healthplex lease. Councilman Dukes made the motion to go into session; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to a regular council meeting at ­­­­­­7:40pm; Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

During Executive session, Mayor Pro Tem Oliver states the rent will be increase for the Healthplex by $100.00 and will take affect the 1st of January next year. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made the motion to increase the rent, Councilman Banks seconded the motion, Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Connelly to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Town Clerk

Madison Jackson