Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday February 13, 2023

7:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday February 13th, 2023 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 call indicated all were present except Mayor Pro Tem Oliver.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made Councilman Banks to accept the January 9th 2023 minutes; Councilman Connelly 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 Connelly made a motion to accept the January 2023 Water & Sewer Financial report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the Municipal Court Financial report; Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Jumper reports everything is good at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports everything going good this month, we have had no major water problems.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reported were off to a good start this season. We have had sign-ups for baseball, softball, and t-ball. Proud to say the Town of Branchville has a team in all age-groups.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reported that townsperson, Amy Bryant, is having a yard sale April 1st in the back of Ott’s grocery parking lot. No other upcoming events at this time.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** InMayor Pro Tem Oliver’s absence, Mayor Dickson reported that the storm drains and gutters are looking a little rough due to weather. Mentioned the possibility to hire former employee to help clean up the streets and call the county street sweeper.
6. **Police Department:** Chief Clark reports everything is going good. We have one car down at this time but it has not affected patrolling.

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

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

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

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 7:15PM to discuss Personnel Matters, Uni-First Contract, and a County Clean-up Day. A motion was made by Councilman Banks to go into session; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Banks at 7:56 PM to return back to a regular council meeting. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the Uni-First contract for the 2023 year; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson stated all paperwork is about to be finalized and processed to have Orangeburg Country Broadband Services accessible throughout the Town without the charge of a bore. Also, Mayor Dickson shared an update about the grant we were approved for with the replacement of our water lines. It will replace the water lines along Reeves Branch Road, Evans Street, Bridge Street, and Stokes Court. Production will begin in upcoming months.

At this time, a Clean-Up Day has not been assigned due to not having a Chair Person. Councilwoman Peeples will be searching for someone who would like to fill the position.

Councilman Connelly made a motion to replace and fix some parts on the Town Jet-Vac. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilwoman Peeples to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Town Clerk

Madison Jackson