Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday March 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 Councilman Jumper and Councilman Banks.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver to accept the February 13, 2023 minutes; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the February 2023 General Fund Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the January 2023 Water & Sewer Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson made a motion to accept the February 2023 Municipal Court Financial report; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** In Councilman Jumper’s absence. Clerk Jackson reports everything is good at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports everything going good this month as far as leaks and water problems. However, our maintenance department is having trouble with the new meters that are being installed. There seems to be a connection issue with getting the new meter installed out of town limits. Reassured we are going to be looking into this matter to find a probable solution.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** In Councilman Banks absence; Mayor Dickson reported Baseball, Softball, and T-ball season is underway and off to a great start.
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. With the Easter holiday right around the corner, the town is preparing flyers for the upcoming Sunday Sunrise Service for the churches to gather around the track to help promote their church while checking out the newly built track.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports everything is going good. There was a leak in the bathroom at the Community Center, which has now caused the floor to warp and needs to be repaired before the upcoming elections later on this month. New Picnic Tables for the Spray Park have arrived and been installed. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver also brought to the Towns attention that the playground on Evans Street is falling apart and needs to be taped off to prevent injury until the Town can get new equipment out there.
6. **Police Department:** Mayor Dickson stated it has been a good month for police by looking their Police Report for the month. An adjuster is coming to look at the wrecked patrol car so the town can begin looking for a replacement.

**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 7:12pm to discuss Personnel Matters, Contractual Matters, and Maintenance Matters. A motion was made by Councilman Connelly to go into session; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver at 7:43pm to return back to a regular council meeting. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the Carolina Seal Bid to repair/ patch some potholes around Town. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson asked for a motion to accept the NT I NET estimate on having our Law Trak program updated with the system upgrades. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to accept the proposal; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Connelly to fix our system based on our Personnel Policy; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson brought to the Town’s attention; former Clerk, Gwen Harbeson, will be returning May 8th as a part time contractor to help out while our Clerk, Madison Jackson is on Maternity Leave.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Connelly to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Town Clerk

Madison Jackson