Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday October 14th, 2024

6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday 14th, 2024 at 6 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.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to accept the Oct 14th 2024 minutes; Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made a motion to accept the 2024 Water & Sewer Financial report; Council Baker motion carried by show of hands. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the Municipal Court Financial report; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports everything is going well nothing to report.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Mayor Pro Tem Connelly reports everything is going well. We still have one leak, we getting it taken care of. Nothing to else to report. Mayor Dickson made a motion to get Mike Edwards a plaque for retiring for the second time. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Ott reports that football has a few more games. He got a new soft ball net put up for more safety when softball and baseball starts back up.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports that the wrestling event is this Sunday. She is having a Junk-A-Treat on Oct 31 from 6 to 8 pm in the Branch Junction. She will have hotdogs and drinks so no kids will go home hungry. She asked Mrs. Dunning, the art teacher at the school, if she would be willing to make some cut outs and paint them so the kids can take pictures with them for Christmas.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports everything is good. We did have a problem with the alarm at the museum, but got it fixed. Nothing else to report. Mayor Dickson mentioned that Dominion came out and put in new light bulbs around the Freight Depot. We are also in the process of getting solar lights to go on the flag poles.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper reports that we had a good month. He thanked Chief Clark for working though the storm and for everything they do for the town. Mayor Dickson thanked the other departments around that helped the town the weekend of Raylrode Daze. Mayor Dickson asked Chief to put out cones by the tree that was down.

**Old Business:**  Mayor Dickson talked with the company that is putting in the 6 new generators at our pump stations. They will be starting putting in the pads for them. The playground equipment has been ordered for Evans St Playground (The Hill) and should be here in the next 2 to 3 weeks. The signs have been ordered, the company is having problems getting the parts in, but should be here with in the next month.

**New Business:** Mayor Dickson invited the public to a thank you gathering at the Freight Depot from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. There with be chicken and sausage rice, cookies, tea and lemonade.

**Agenda Items/ Public Comments:** Mr. Al reported there had been a lot of traffic come though the museum and a lot of them said they were going to come back. The donation for the month was $140.00 ($48.50) which he used some of it to buy supplies needed for the museum (He turned in the receipts). He said there was 3 lights on the inside that needed to be fixed. Mayor Dickson reported that we fixed and painted the wagons.

Mr. Mckibbin said they had about 6 people volunteer at Raylrode Daze during the busy time from 12-2 and 3-4. They gave out coloring sheets to the kids and told them to bring them back so they could hang them up. There was a couple that got engaged on Friday. Someone donated about 7 trainsets to put up around Christmas time. He also said he would like to talk to more people around town to find out some more history. He asked about getting some kind of sign to put out in front of the museum to let people know when it is open. He also said they were working on being open on some Sundays as while. Mayor Dickson asked Councilwomen Peeples to talk with the school about a field trip for the kids to visit the museum.

Mr. Johnny Goodwin mentioned he was cutting up some of the tree that fell on the sidewalk but he wasn’t going to be able to get it all cleaned up. Mayor Dickson reported that the highway department came in with two trucks and got as much as they could but they will need bigger equipment to move the rest of the tree.

**Items of Information:** None

**Executive Session**: Councilman Ott made the motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left for Executive Session at 6:30pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 6:59pm. Councilman Baker made the motion to return to regular council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded, motion carried. In Executive Session we went over all the insurance for the property and buildings the town has. Councilman Baker said the prices of the insurance went up so it is going to cost us $518.00 more a year. Councilman Baker made the motion to accept it and it in place. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Councilman Oliver made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. Council was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Clerk of Court

Theresa Polin