

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding
Monday July 13th, 2026
6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday July 13th, 2026 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 except Councilman Jumper and Councilman Drumheller.

Welcome of Guest: Mayor Dickson welcomed those present.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Baker to accept the June 8th 2026 minutes; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made the motion to approve the June 2026 General Fund Financial report; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made a motion to accept the June 2026 Water & Sewer Financial report; Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Baker made a motion to accept the June 2026 Municipal Court Financial Reports; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

Council Reports:

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports that everything is going well.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports things are going alright. All leaks have been repaired. Repairs still need to be made to the storm drain on Edward St. Mayor Dickson mentioned that the grant to place a back up generator at the well was approved, and bids should be coming soon.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Drumheller was not present; no update was known by other councilmembers other than business as usual.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports that the 250th celebration was very good, had a good crowd.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports that the compressor on the AC at the Healthplex and the expansion valve on the AC at the Depot was repaired. The AC in the shop at town hall is also broken, waiting for parts to come in to be fixed.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper was not present; Mayor Dickson gave an update that Councilman Jumper is now home from the hospital after treatment and please keep him in your prayers.

Old Business: Guthman signs: Mayor Dickson mentioned that we have a court date on this matter on 8/25/26. The sign company was ordered to ship the signs and have them installed and as of yet this has not happened. Mayor Dickson called for a motion to approve the rezoning of the property at the old campground, as this was the third reading. A guest asked if it had been posted, Mayor responded that it was on the street and in the newspaper. Councilwoman Peebles made the motion, Councilman Baker seconded, motion carried by show of hands.

New Business: Third Reading of the Quality of Life Ordinances. Mayor Dickson explained that these ordinances are ones that were in place through Orangeburg County for some time, but that it was difficult to enforce them. As this is being done by an outside company, it will mitigate conflict. Council feels that this will assist the town in getting the town cleaned up.

Comments Agenda/Other Items: Mr. Al reports that \$121.80 was collected for the month of June. Brendon Mckibben asked if there was any ordinance in place to prevent people from cutting their grass late at night and causing a disturbance. Mayor advised him to call the police department if that happened again. Mr. Mckibben asked if there was any ordinance in place regulating the times when people could cut grass and similar. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly mentioned that this would probably be covered under the noise ordinance. Harriet Hughes mentioned that construction noise early in the morning is a problem as well. Mayor asked that if this happened to please call it in to the police department.

Items of Information:

Executive Session: Mayor Dickson informed the public that they would be speaking with two individuals in executive session about a property matter and a contractual matter. Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 6:18 PM. Councilman Baker made a motion to go into session. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting back to order at 7:36 PM. Councilman Baker made the motion to return back to a regular Council Meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson mentioned that Council had a recommendation from the Zoning Committee to approve the rezoning of the old campground, but that there were two articles about water and sewer capacity that had to be satisfied before everything would be finished.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Oliver to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Peebles seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Emily Maynard
Clerk of Court