

Town of Branchville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, February 11, 2019  
7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the front door 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 called indicated that Mayor Dickson, Councilman Dukes, Councilman Oliver, Councilman Connelly were present. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship, Councilman Ott and Councilman Banks were absent.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed our guests. We had Mrs. Doris Greene on the agenda with the 2020 Census, however due to illness she had to cancel, she will see us next month.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the General Fund Financial report for January 2019. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report for January 2019. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report for January 2019. Councilman Oliver second the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** No reports at this time, Councilman Banks is absent
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports: The maintenance men have been cleaning up some sidewalks, doing a good job on them. We are getting the lawnmowers ready to start cutting some grass. I also want to say I spoke with Alvin Jeffcoat about any repairs to the water tanks. At this time he says nothing is needed.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Dickson says soccer is doing well. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship is absent. Nothing else at this time.
4. **Projects/Events:** Nothing at this time, Councilman Ott is absent.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Everything is going well, no problems that he is aware of.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Police Department had a busy month 359 cases were heard. Nothing else at this moment.

**Old Business:**

1. Councilman Oliver says he has two quotes for the cleaning the carpet at Town Hall. Saber says they will clean it their bid was 160.00. However, that did not include the Mayor's Office. Andy's Services quoted 120.00 and it includes the Mayor's Office. I make a motion

that we accept the bid from Andy's Services. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Councilman Oliver made a motion that we hold the Christmas Parade early, December 7 or the 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Dickson asked that he contact Tri-County and see if anybody had scheduled their parade on these two dates. Councilman Oliver also asked that we go ahead and schedule a night for the Town's Christmas meal. Again, Mayor Dickson as the Town Clerk to contact the Eatery and get that started.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** Mr. Glenn Miller reminded council again to please use the microphones, some could not hear as well as others. He also reminded the Council that the town really did need a grocery store, I know that council can't build a store, I have some phone numbers that would help. He also wanted to acknowledge that the sidewalks looked good.

**Items for Information:** We have two items on the table for the guests to pick up. A clean up date for the roads in Orangeburg and also the 2020 Census has jobs available.

**Executive Session:** We did not have anything on the agenda, however we needed to discuss a personnel issue. Councilman Dukes made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:19PM for Executive Session.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 7:35PM. Councilman Connelly second the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson said that one of our police cars had been totaled when an officer hit a deer. This was the subject discussed and asked what the pleasure of the council. Councilman Dukes made a motion that we purchase a new car to replace the one that was wrecked. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson said that the chief was to get the new car, and that the car he was driving now would become the car used by the two part time officers.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Town Clerk  
Faye Connelly