

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday April 9, 2018
7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 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 all council was present.

Welcome of Guest: Mayor Dickson welcomed all the guests and thanked them for coming.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the March 2018 minutes. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the General Fund Financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Oliver second the motion, motion carried.

Council Reports:

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: All is good, nothing to report at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Ott reports:
 - 1A. We had an incident where one of our guys slung something from a lawn mower and struck a vehicle that was passing by. An incident report was filed and we have estimate to fix said vehicle. Our Tort policy has a two hundred fifty dollar deductible. We will pay the lowest estimate which is \$220.00, no need to file with Insurance Company.
 - 1B. We are still working on the water line project on Hwy 21 where the steel plate is. We are trying to re-route if possible, work in process.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports:
 - 1A. April is wide open we have 4 games tonight, something about every night.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Connelly reports:
 - 1A. Want to thank everyone for the patience with my sickness, I am feeling much better and looking forward to getting things started. I have fixed a form for suggestions on what events you might want to suggest. I have given the council a copy and some copies are on the table. I would like suggestions on what you would like, please take one and return it to Town Hall. I will call each one that responds and we will discuss your ideas. Mayor Dickson asked Councilman Connelly to get with Tom Jennings and perhaps we could have something for Raylrode Daze. Councilman Connelly said he would make that contact with Tom.

5. Buildings/Grounds: Councilman Oliver reports:

1A. No problems at this time, nothing to report. Mayor Dickson asked that Councilman Oliver please make sure that the grounds at the playground at Horton Field be kept. He said that someone held a birthday party there and that they had to do some weed eating before their event. Councilman Oliver said he would look into it.

6. Police Department: Councilman Dukes reports:

1A. We had a good month with the Police Department. The guys are working together and doing a great job. The Chief and I will get together and decide how we are going to advertise for the sealed bids for the 2008 Dodge Charger that needs a new motor.

Old Business:

1. None at this time.

New Business:

1. Councilman Oliver said that Mr. Vernon Ott had contacted him about a very dark area on Turner Street. Councilman Oliver said he had contacted SCE&G, but had not heard back from them. Councilman Connelly said that he would like to get with Councilman Oliver that perhaps they could work something out with some solar lights. Mayor asked that Councilman Oliver bring this back to the table next month.

Public Comments Agenda:

1A. Mrs. Beverly Berry also commented on the grounds at the playgrounds at Horton Field. The grass also needed to be weed-eated or round up used at the fence and between the fence and the sidewalk, she noticed it walking and it looked bad.

Public Comments Other: Mayor Dickson asked if anyone had any other comments at this time.

1A. Mrs. Kandra Hutto spoke for the group that came together. They said that they lived on Shopan Court and that their water was terrible, it was brown and it stained everything. She said they had spoken with Council before but with no results. That they had a problem with the town extending Classic Road and not honoring their request. Mayor Dickson informed the guests that the county of Orangeburg is who was putting in the Classic Road Extension. The Town could not afford to add on water lines. Mayor Dickson informed the guest to contact Councilman Wimberly and that perhaps he could help. He also informed them that this was the first time this Council had heard anything about Shopan Court's request. Mrs. Carol Martin said she had called Mr. Wimberly several times, but could not reach him. Mayor Dickson said he would speak to Mr. Wimberly and if they would leave a contact name then he would be glad to give that to Mr. Wimberly. Council asked how far she was from the town's water line and they replied less than ¼ of a mile.

Mr. Tommy Meree said that when someone was coming around about the Cattle Creek Project they were told then about the need for everyone coming on board and connecting the water line. However, when that was done, they had been forgotten and water lines was not available to them. What happen to us? Mayor Dickson explained that this was all new Council and that they had nothing to do with Cattle Creek Project. The problem with Cattle Creek everybody said yes, but they did not connect to the town water. The lines at Cattle Creek was done with penny monies, that we have to match, monies the town does not have but will have to come up with.

Items for Information: None at this time.

Executive Session: Councilman Ott made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:34 PM.

Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:00PM. Councilman Connelly second the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson states that the personnel matters at this time will hold no discussion. Discussion on Classic Road Ext., the check from the county has been received for distribution of the Classic Road Extension for the material purchased for this project.

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

Town Clerk
Faye Connelly

Recorder Broke No Recorded Minutes