

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

The regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Branchville was held on November 10, 2014 at 6pm at the Town Hall. A notice was placed on the door of the Town Hall with the time, date and place of the meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Jennings. Council, along with all those present, stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Roll call indicated that all council members were present with the exception of Councilman Chris Ott.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennings welcomed the guest.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Michael Blankenship made the motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Gregory Oliver second the motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Councilman Sam Whisenhunt questioned the invoice for Rodney Edwards in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Operations and Maintenance. Councilman Whisenhunt said the invoice had been ordered by Cal Hartzog and was approved by Mayor Miller. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings questioned the \$6,000.00 from Municipal Court. The Town Clerk said it was cameras for the police cars. Councilman Whisenhunt said the cameras were not voted on by council. It was decided that council would not approve the financial report until council had more information on the \$1,200.00 from Operations and Maintenance and the \$6,000.00 from Municipal Court.

Executive Session: Councilwoman Amy Bryant voted to go into executive session. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. The motion carried. Council returned from executive session at 6:35pm. At that time Councilman Chris Ott was in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said in executive session they decided to offer a maintenance job to one of the applicants they interviewed.

Old Business: Councilman Whisenhunt said DHEC conducted an audit on Oct 27th and DHEC said the Lagoon looks the best it has in years.

New Business: Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said Mayor Miller was handling the timber sale and hopefully he would be back next month with information on the timber.

The Backhoe did not receive bids. Councilman Blankenship made motion that the backhoe would be sold by sealed bids and all bids must be in on December 8, 2014 at 5:00pm. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jennings said he would like suggestions on the Christmas Party for the employees. Councilman Blankenship suggested to get quotes from the restaurants in Town. Councilwoman Amy Bryant made the motion to keep the Christmas Party in Town. Councilman Gregory Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

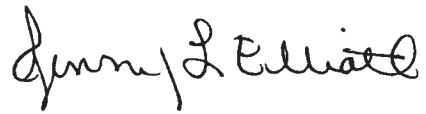
Public Comments: Charles Bamberg said Councilman Sam Whisenhunt should have known about the check from Operations and Maintenance because he is over the water department. Charles Bamberg said he thought the cameras for the police cars were important to help protect the officers. Councilman Blankenship said the problem was spending the money without council's approval. Councilman Oliver said in the past the Mayor was able to spend up to \$7,000.00 without council's approval. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said he was unaware of the Mayor being able to spend money without council's approval. Councilman Whisenhunt said he had a problem with spending \$6,000.00 when the Town is borrowing money.

Betty Glover said at the last meeting she was told that someone would clean the area at the end of her street because she could not see the vehicles coming. She said someone cut around the sign but she is still unable to see.

Items for Information: Councilman Whisenhunt said the Town will be flushing hydrants for the next few days so low water pressure may be experienced.

Councilman Blankenship made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jenny Elliott
Town Clerk