

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2015

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on June 15, 2015, 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. Mayor, Council, along with all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Roll Call indicated that all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilman Chris Ott.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennings welcomed the guests.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Miller said he would like for the minutes to show he had reimbursed the Town for \$127.00 for the charge on the Town's credit card to Ryan's. Mayor Miller said he questioned why Councilman Sam Whisenhunt's name was on an invoice for a pump. Councilman Michael Blankenship made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Councilwoman Amy Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports: Mayor Miller said there was an invoice for \$5,850 from Mett's for permits. Mayor Miller said it was not clear what permit it was for. Councilman Whisenhunt said it was for the waste water treatment plant permit. Mayor Miller said the bill came in from McGregor for \$12,000.

Harriett Hughes/ Memorial Day: Harriett Hughes did not attend the meeting.

Audrey Dash/Horton Field: Audrey Dash did not attend the meeting.

3rd Reading of Election Ordinance: Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to approve the 3rd Reading of the Election Ordinance. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Truck/Trailer Bids:

1. Birchwood Holding-	\$39,100 for the truck
2. Brian Semken-	\$35,010 for the truck
	\$ 3,810 for the trailer
3. Mike Schofield-	\$34,000 for the truck
	\$37,000 for the truck and trailer
4. Guy Devore-	\$3,500 for the trailer

Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to sell the truck to Birchwood Holding for \$39,100 and the trailer to Brian Semken for \$3,810. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dog Kennel: There was one bid for the dog kennel for \$175 from Tina Herndon. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to sell the dog kennel to Tina Herndon for \$175. Councilman Gregory Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said Tina Herndon said she was interested in buying the rolls of chain link fence from the town. It was decided that council would have more information on the chain link fence at the next meeting.

Community Center: Councilman Oliver said he was still waiting on bids for the Community Center and he would like to discuss it at the next meeting. Councilman Oliver said some of the chairs at the Community Center need to be replaced also.

Movie Night: Councilwoman Bryant said she wanted to remind everyone the movie The Apple Dumpling Gang would be playing Saturday June 20, 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings asked if she had prices for the projector. Councilwoman Bryant said she did not but she would have them at the next meeting.

Caw Caw Land and Timber: Councilman Blankenship said Caw Caw is ready to begin cutting the trees. He said Eddie Leigh with Caw Caw had spoken with Valley Protein and Valley is still hesitant to let Caw Caw use their driveway. Mayor Miller said he had spoken with Valley Protein and they would like something in writing stating that if Caw Caw destroyed their property Caw Caw would be responsible. Councilman Blankenship said he would get it from Caw Caw.

MASC July Conference: Mayor Miller said MASC is having a conference in July and he would like to attend. Mayor Miller said he would stay two nights and the motel rooms are \$189 per night. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings asked if he was going any of the extra meetings the MASC offers. Mayor Miller said he would not. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings asked if Mayor Miller was going to drive the town truck. Mayor Miller said no. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings reminded Mayor Miller that if the town truck was available and he choose to drive his personal vehicle then the town would not reimburse him for mileage. Councilman Blankenship made the motion for Mayor Miller to attend the MASC conference in July and he would stay in the Beach House Resort for \$189 per night. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

118 George St: Mayor Miller said he wants the water and sewer lines found at 118 George St. Councilman Whisenhunt said he and several other people had looked for the line but they have not been able to find the water/sewer lines. Mayor Miller said he may know someone who could help find the lines.

Town Hall/ Spray Park Ribbon Cutting: Mayor Miller said he would like for the town to get the seal and the cornerstone that council had already voted on. Mayor Miller the quote the town received a couple of years ago for the seal was \$1,100. Councilman Whisenhunt said he would to get a list together and new quotes and revisit it at the next meeting.

Mayor Miller said he would like to see a ribbon cutting for the spray park. Mayor Miller said he would like new playground equipment for the park with the grant money. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said the park needs a sun shelter. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings asked when the town would receive the money from the grant. Lee Hendren said once the money is spent it will be reimbursed. Lee Hendren said the grant is for \$8,867.00 and the Town will need to contribute \$2216.75. Lee Hendren said the money needs to be spend and submitted before May 31, 2016. Council decided that a sun shelter was needed at the spray park. Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to have a special meeting on June 29, 2015 so the playground committee could get information on a sun shelter for the spray park. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Eatery Lease: Councilman Blankenship voted to extend the Eatery lease for one year. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Items for Information: Councilman Oliver said during court it is very busy and the Clerk of Court may need help during court. He said during court last month 2 tickets were misplaced. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings made a motion to monitor the situation. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Oliver said the town needs help cutting the grass. He said citizens are complaining about the grass. Councilman Whisenhunt said we don't need help he said he believes every area has been cut. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said he had a citizen ask him why some areas weren't being cut and he had to explain to them that it was personal property and the town does not cut personal property. Councilman Whisenhunt said there is enough time in the day for the two maintenance workers to cut grass. He said if there is a specific complaint he will address it.

Councilman Oliver asked if anyone was keeping track of the maintenance records. Councilman Whisenhunt said that Councilman Oliver was over maintenance. Councilman Oliver said anytime he asks the maintenance workers about the records they tell him he has to talk to Councilman Whisenhunt. Councilman Whisenhunt said they could work together.

Councilman Oliver asked about the enclosed trailer. Councilman Whisenhunt said it belongs to the police department. Mayor Miller said the police department keeps sign in the trailer.

Councilman Oliver said the tables the Farmers Market used last year are not usable this year. He said he has been using the tables from the Community Center. Councilman Oliver made a motion to spend up to \$350 on tables for the Farmers Market. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Whisenhunt said the Farmers Market needs a sign. Councilman Oliver said he has been looking for a sign for the Farmers Market. It was decided that council would they discuss the sign at the special meeting. Councilman Oliver said he would have a quote for the sign at the special meeting.

Councilman Oliver said council has voted on items but some are not being completed. He said the old school has not been cleaned out yet. He said the small music building is empty and the town could use it. He said he would like to work at getting another store in Branchville.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said he would like to implement a log for the Town's credit card and the Town's truck.

Public Comments: Beverly Berry asked if the Town could continue to try to get a Library in Branchville. Al Lyons asked if the old school could be used. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said it all depends on what the library board.

Tyler Dantzler with the Tennis Association said he would like to bring his tennis camp to Branchville for two weeks (July 13-23). He said they teach children from ages 5-14. He said he would like to use a public building and have a space to set up their camp. Tyler Dantzler said they are with the Clemson Extension and are nonprofit. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to allow the Tennis Association to use the

old Rescue Squad building for two weeks. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Jenny Elliott
Town Clerk