

Town of Branchville
Emergency Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Jennings called an emergency meeting of the Council for the Town of Branchville on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. He said the business before the Council was too urgent to give the ordinary 24-hour public notice for a special called meeting.

A notice was posted at the Town Hall before 12 noon, giving the time, date and place of the meeting. The Times and Democrat was notified before 12 noon, and a news correspondent attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Jennings. The Mayor, Council members and all others present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

All Council members were present except Gregory Oliver, who had made a commitment to attend another meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jennings welcomed the guest.

Carnival: Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said the Raylrode Daze Festivul carnival traditionally sets up on property owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad. This year, the railroad was unexpectedly requiring Carr Amusements to put up a \$6 million insurance policy in addition to the carnival's general liability policy.

As it was already Tuesday evening and the carnival hoped to set up and be operational the following day, the insurance obstacle seemed insurmountable in the available time frame.

He asked if the Council would allow the carnival to set up at the former high school. He said the carnival would be advised that it could not impede the activities of the church that rents the former cafeteria section of the school building.

Mayor Glenn Miller made the motion that the carnival be allowed to set up at the former high school, with a council member showing them the boundaries in which they could set up. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T&D advertisement: Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said the Town routinely buys an advertisement alongside the Raylrode Daze Festivul schedule in The Times and Democrat newspaper. The cost is \$85.00 and the advertisement will be printed on Thursday, September 24. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to authorize the advertisement. Councilman Chris Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Movie night: Councilwoman Amy Bryant made a motion to hold a third Movie Night on Thursday, October 29. It will feature a Halloween costume contest. The Playground Committee will operate a concession stand as a fund-raiser. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Passenger railroad: Mayor Miller said he read a recent article in The Greenville News about efforts going on to begin passenger rail service between Greenville and Charleston. The train would make a stop in Orangeburg and would pass through Branchville. He said Branchville would make an ideal stop because we still have a railroad depot. Councilman Whisenhunt made a motion to pursue this by whatever means necessary. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem Jennings made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.