Town of Branchville

Mayor H. Franklin Dickson, Presiding

Regular Council Meeting

February 08, 2021

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on February 8, 2021 at 7 PM at the

Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the Bulletin board at 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:** Was given by Mayor Dickson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the General Fund

Financial report. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: Everything is running good, nothing else to report.
2. **Water/Sewer and Streets:** Councilman Oliverreports: No water issues at this time.
3. **Park & Recreation:** Mayor Dickson and Councilman Banks report for Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship whom is running late. Practice is going on now. BYS is now signing up for softball and baseball.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports: Nothing at this time, no events planned.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: We had no issues with anything. I did receive quotes on the repair to the fences, however, still waiting on another quote. Mayor Dickson said we could use 4th penny money to pay for the fences.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: The police department is in need of some equipment, Gold Shield and body cameras. He asked Chief Clark to explain both.

Chief Clark informed the council on these issues. A motion was made by Councilman Dukes to purchase Gold Shield for two vehicles. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made a motion to purchase 3 body cameras. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

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**Public Comments Agenda: None**

**Public Comments Other: None**

**Items for Information: None**

**Executive Session:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Jumper seconded, Council left at 7:15. Councilman Dukes made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship second the motion, motioned carried, Council returned at 7:55.

Mayor Dickson turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship explained that this was the first read on the Dominion & Edisto Electric Franchise Agreement. We are currently receiving 3% and I make a motion to raise to 5% for both franchises. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson explained we have an amendment to the Branchville Election. We are amending that Orangeburg County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall certify the final results of the election as well as performing any protest hearings if needed. Also for a Municipal Election all will vote at one place and that will be the Community Center. Do I have a motion for these changes under a first read? Councilman Banks made the motion to accept these changes. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:00PM.

Faye Connelly

Town Clerk