Town of Branchville

Mayor H. Franklin Dickson, Presiding

Regular Council Meeting

March 8, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on March 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 council absent were Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship and Councilman Banks, remaining council was present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Was given by Mayor Dickson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Jumper made the motion to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Dickson informed those present that equipment was brought to the Old Freight Depot to knock out the back wall to start dumping dirt. He also informed that the Town received $25,000.00 dollars from Accommodations Tax Funds from Orangeburg County to help renovate the Old Freight Depot.

Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the 2nd and final read on the Dominion and Edisto Ordinances. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the 2nd and final read on the amendment to Ordinance # 2015-01 Election changes. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. City Hall/License/Insurance: Clerk Connelly informed council of changes that would be taking place with Business Licenses. These changes were mandatory by MASC.
2. Water/Sewer/Streets: Water and sewer going good.
3. Parks & Recreation: Nothing, Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship absent
4. Projects/Events: Councilman Jumper had nothing at this time. Mayor Dickson informed those present that he had requested from the Railroad a lease for the land around the old freight depot for parking. He also announced that Blaine Heffelfinger was the Chairman of the Railroad Committee.
5. Buildings/Grounds: Councilman Oliver informed council that there was a leak at Upstart Ministries in the building the town owns and that Pastor Green was working on this issue. Councilman Jumper also remarked that the Community Center ceiling had been repaired and that new lights had been installed.
6. Police Department:Councilman Dukes informs that the body cameras have been installed and the Gold Shield training has been and waiting for SLED to approve.

**Old Business:**

 1. None

**New Business:**

1. None

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** None

**Items for Information:**  Orangeburg County 2021 Spring Clean Challenge

**Executive Session:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Jumper seconded, motion carried left at 7:18PM. Councilman Connelly made a motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:10. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson asked for a motion to purchase a motor for the F150 and to repair said vehicle. Councilman Connelly made the motion. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson also asked for a motion to reopen the playgrounds. Councilman Dukes made the motion. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:12PM.

Faye Connelly

Town Clerk