Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, April 12, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the exterior bulletin board 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 were present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present.

Mayor Dickson explained the Family Dollar coming to Branchville was ready to go, they were waiting on permits. Their plans are to be open by November.

Clerk Connelly explained to cancel that we had customers paying their bills through their banks. The bank has requested that we use ACH Payments and they will supply the Town whom has paid and how much. I informed them of the late fee rules and regulations, this was in your packets also. Council wanted to know if we were familiar with this procedure and Clerk Connelly informed them we are we currently used this type of procedure with the credit card payment system. Councilman Banks made a motion to approve the ACH payments. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson moved the Gressette Pest Control matter to Executive Session along with other papers he provided before the meeting started.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the March 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 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 Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports: Nothing at this time, Faye informed you that we would have changes to the Business Licenses last month and this is still on going.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: Water department is going good,
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship not present at this time. Mayor Dickson explained that he knew they had been playing a lot of ball. Councilman Banks stated that they had held a Jamboree at the facility.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports. Nothing at this time for events. At the Community Center we have to have the floor finished, getting samples. Still have to replace the lights in the kitchen and bathrooms. Mayor Dickson explained that the dirt had been hauled in at the freight depot and that they would be working with the clay and cement for the back section. He also said that he would like to have the Golf tournament again for R.R. Daze. I have to meet with the R.R. Daze committee about this.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: Had to replace the AC unit at the Healthplex, B&B replaced unit cost was 6000.00. Councilman Oliver said he had a quote on some Solar Street Lights, I gave you the information right before the meeting. The cost for 6 lights is $491.70 and our maintenance department can install them. Upon discussion, Councilman Oliver made a motion to purchase 9 of the lights. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: Going good, court will resume this month.

**Old Business:**

1. Councilman Jumper asked for an update on the F150. Councilman Oliver said he had spoken with Matt and it should be ready in about two weeks. Mayor Dickson said he received a call from Matt today and that a second engine had been delivered for a F150 today and that he wanted to make him aware of it.

**New Business:**

1. Nothing at this time.

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** None

**Items for Information:**  Councilman Oliver said he had information about some cameras that he would bring to the next meeting and Councilman Banks said he had just had some installed. This will be brought up at the next meeting.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made a motion to go to Executive Session at 7:36. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:15PM. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motioned carried. Mayor Dickson said they had a local farmer ask to use the land beside the Churn for produce he grew. Councilman Jumper made a motion to allow him the usage of the land. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson explained that we needed a contract with the public defender’s office and asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship made the motion, Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson said that we have termites at one of our buildings. We have a quote from one, during the discussion in Executive Session we decided to get more quotes and that would be put on hold at this time.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly