Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, July 12, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, July 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 was present except Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship and Councilman Banks.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present. Mayor Dickson also announced that Dominion donated $7500.00 toward the cost of the renovation of the Old Freight Depot. He also announced that a special meeting has been called for Thursday, July 15 at 6:30. This matter relates to the Water Department. We have huge bills created from past issues prior to this council. We are looking for ways to correct this issue. Our rates are extremely low and we rank 23rd from the bottom of the list. Water rates will have to be raised and we are meeting to discuss some of these issues with details at a later date.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the June 14, 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 Jumper 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:** Council Banks absent: No report at this time
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: Had several leaks. Had to call in outside help, had huge leak, the town lost a lot of water. Pump station on Hunter St. has been repaired. The water department had some very expensive issues this month, very costly. Mayor praised Greg for his work on these issues, they were very big issues.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship reports: Mayor Dickson explained in Michael’s absence that three weeks ago they hosted a soft ball tournament. State little league this past weekend. All of these events were worked by volunteers.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports: Raylrode Daze is still scheduled for September 23, 24, and 25th. They are working on the inside walls at the Old Freight Depot now. Councilman Jumper complimented Chief Clark on handling the accident that occurred here in town.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: We are waiting on the manpower to put the floor down at the Community Center.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports: We have a new employee with the Police Department. Her name is Katlyn Platt. She is now in training with our department and will then go to the police academy, she was introduced to those present.

**Old Business:**

1. None

**New Business:**

1. None

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** Debra Colter wanted to let us know that there is a broken leg on one of the swings at the park. Councilman Oliver told her we were aware and we were working on it.

**Items for Information:** None at this time

**Executive Session:** Councilman Dukes made a motion to go to Executive Session at 7:20PM. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Jumper made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at 8:10 PM. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Mayor Dickson explained the discussion while in the Executive Session was concerning the water issues and we are are still working on this and information would be available at a later date.

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

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly