

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FOR
MAY 4, 2009

PRESENT

Mayor Timothy O. Cooner
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilman Chris Ott
Councilwoman Amy Bryant
Councilwoman Georgiana Harmon

Mayor Cooner called the meeting to order and asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council on approval of the minutes for April 6, 2009
Councilman Chris Ott made the motion to approve the minutes
Councilwoman Amy Bryant seconded the motion
Motion carried

Public Comments on Agenda Items – there were none

Public Comments on Other Matters

Betty Skolosky asked if the Town would be offering the Summer Water Program again this year

Mayor Cooner said that he and Council would act on that tonight

Tyler Dufford made a formal complaint to Council about the dogs running loose on Dufford Court

There was discussion on our Leash Law and Mayor Cooner stated that he would be taking care of the problem the following morning and that he would also notify the Police Officers of the problem

Mayor Cooner stated that AOL has been down for the last few days so he will be calling a Special Meeting for approval of the Financial Report

Mayor Cooner stated that there had been a utility trailer stolen last week inside the Town limits

Mayor Pro Tem Miller had no Comments on the Administrative Office

Mayor Cooner discussed Public Works stating that the site is up to proper grade now and the fence can go up, and that we still have to do the wiring for the lights

He said that in the next thirty days we will fill the tank and run testing then we will request permission to operate it and that we have to monitor the chlorine very closely

Mayor Cooner discussed the problem at the Sewer Pond, one of the pumps has gone down and that at the Waste Water Plant the power bill is very high because both check valves were not operating, the check valves cost was 4000.00 and they have been replaced, also both pumps need to be replaced immediately

Mayor Cooner stated that the deck is worn out on our John Deere lawn mower and that the deck cost would be 2500.00
USDA approved 15000.00 for two commercial grade mowers and we will be upgrading more equipment as we get closer to closing the project

There was discussion on the work that is to be done for Health Plex, Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked when we would receive the bids for all the work the Town is doing on the Hut building

Mayor Cooner stated that we had three electricians come into the Town office last week and the bids are 13,166.00 11,515.00 and 10,500.00
The building needs to be wired first and we have a bid for 11000.00 {estimate} so far for the wiring

Mayor Cooner said he had received a quote for 2500.00 to install the sheet rock and it would cost about 3000.00 for the sheet rock, commercial grade carpet would be the easiest and fastest to install
The Hut building will be wired for kitchen equipment and plumbing so that maybe one day we could use it for the Community Center if needed. The Town is getting ready to sink around 43000.00 into this building. Summers electric from Cameron SC has given a bid for 10,500.00 for the electrical work

There was discussion on the amount to charge Health Plex for monthly rent Mayor Cooner stated that Council needs to decide how much to charge them and what the term of the lease would be, also

Who will carry the insurance on the building

Mayor Cooner said he would like for Council to think about that until our next meeting on Monday night

He said that we need to have Health Plex cover the amount of attorney fees to draw up the lease and that if the Town is not going to insure it we need to stipulate what we want covered in the insurance policy

Councilman Chris Ott made the motion to continue with the Towns Summer Water Program May thru September
Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion

Mayor Cooner stated that he has requested 160,000.00 to replace all water meters in Branchville with Radio read meters he said he is 95% sure we will get the funds

Mayor Cooner said that he has been spraying the Town for mosquitoes they are very bad already this year

The spray is less than 40.00 per gallon and it takes about a gallon and a half per night to spray. He said that he will try to spray at least once a week

Mayor Cooner said that the Rescue Squad has done an excellent job of fixing up the old school Councilwoman Harmon wanted to know if we could use the cafeteria for the library , Mayor Cooner said he didn't see why not

Mayor Cooner said that on May 13th he has to go to DHEC for a hearing on the demolition of Town Hall

It was a Notice of Violation

Councilwoman Amy Bryant made the motion to adjourn
Councilman Chris Ott seconded

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk

Handwritten signature of Teresa Sugas in cursive script.