

Special
Council Meeting Minutes
For
August 24, 2006
Branchville Town Hall
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Tim Cooner
Councilman Glenn Miller
Councilwoman Amy Bryant
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon

OTHERS PRESENT

Patsy Hendricks - Acting Town Clerk

GUESTS

Beverly Berry
Jackie Etheridge

Mayor Cooner called the special meeting to order with all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation given by Councilman Glenn Miller.

Mayor reported the asbestos report on the old school had been received and the town will begin cleaning up the location.

The animal control ordinance was discussed. The mayor report he had researched and found the first reading for the ordinance was on January 7, 2002 and the third reading was on March 21, 2002. The mayor stated that after the third reading the council agreed to adopt the Orangeburg County Animal Control Ordinance.

The mayor announced a public hearing on August 28, 2006 to discuss the streetscape project

The mayor stated the problems with CBP had not been solved. He informed council that the letter approved in the August 7th Council meeting was sent and that a 30 day extension was requested. A motion was made by Glenn Miller to send a letter to CBP stating that the Town would permit CBP 30 additional days to comply with the Town's demands or their service would be terminated. Amy Bryant seconded this motion.

The mayor asked the council to approve wire installation in six classrooms for air conditioning at the old school. Estimated costs would be approximately \$3000.00. Motion was made by Georgianna Harmon to put wire in and seconded by Amy Bryant and carried. Councilwoman Harmon will proceed to get quotes for the work.

Mayor Cooner brought up the possibility of purchasing a new Police car. He stated that there are funds in the Victims Assistance account that could be used to pay off the unmarked car. That payoff amount is approximately \$8000.00. The town could then borrow \$15,000.00 to purchase the new vehicle. The motion to buy the new Police car was made by Georgianna Harmon and seconded by Amy Bryant.

Councilperson Benita Gibbs asked about the lighting on Railroad Avenue near the Subway. She stated that the area is very dark and is in need of more lights.

Motion was made by Glenn Miller to approve the June Financial report and seconded by Georgianna Harmon.

Mayor Cooner noted that the Highway Department office here in Branchville would be closed by September 1st.

Mayor Cooner noted the acting town clerk would be on vacation August 29th through September 1st. He requested council's approval for him to sit in for the clerk in her absence.

Councilwoman Georgianna made motion to adjourn meeting. Glenn Miller seconded motion.

Respectfully submitted

Patsy Hendricks
Acting Town Clerk