

Special  
Council Meeting Minutes  
For  
July 26, 2007  
Branchville Town Hall  
7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Tim Cooner  
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Dukes  
Councilman Chris Ott  
Councilwoman Amy Bryant

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rhonda Thompson Town Clerk

**GUESTS**

Beverly Berry Luther Folk Beatrice Miller Charles Bamberg  
Luvenia Williams Phyllis Overton William Koger

Mayor Cooner asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone.

Mayor Cooner advised Council he was moving executive session down between item M & N.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None at the Special meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS/NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Cooner asked for comments on any item on the agenda, hearing none.

Mayor Cooner advised Council he was moving Town Hall Renovations down to item K- New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OF OTHER MATTERS**

Mayor Cooner asked for public comments on any other matters. Ms. Luvenia Williams spoke about the Senior Program and needing Bingo gifts and wanting visitors to attend. Ms. Williams also said she visited Ms. Bea Miller and the speeding traffic on Carrie Street was terrible. Mayor Cooner said he would pass this information along to the Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

None at the Special Meeting.

## **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **Police Department**

None at the Special Meeting.

### **Administrative Office**

Councilman Miller not here tonight.

### **Public Works**

None at the Special Meeting.

### **Mayors Report**

None at the Special Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None at the Special Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Cooner said the Council was aware we have received \$100,000 under a state grant that will be used for Town Hall Renovations. Mayor Cooner mentioned what bad shape the Town Hall was in and that Niven's Engineering came today and measured the entire building. Mayor Cooner explained in great detail what renovations the Town would consider doing at the Town Hall initially. Mayor Cooner mentioned briefly that the office employees would have to move for about 4 to 8 weeks and discussed the different places that they could move. Mayor Cooner asked permission from Council to put this part of the Town Hall Renovation out on bid. Mayor Cooner said the cost opinion was around \$200,000 that was received today. Mayor Cooner mentioned there are bids out now for the Freight Depot. Mayor Cooner asked for the approval of the Council to put the Town Hall Renovation out for bid and Councilwoman Bryant motioned and Councilwoman Gibbs seconded.

Mayor Cooner requested a five-minute recess, before going into executive session.

Mayor Cooner said that Councilman Ott made the motion to take William Koger off of suspension and to reinstate him back into the Water and Sewer Department, and Councilwoman Bryant seconded. Mayor Cooner also said to let the record show that Councilwoman Gibbs abstained from voting.

## **PROGRESS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS**

None at the Special Meeting.

## **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

None at the Special Meeting

Mayor Cooner asked for motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Dukes motioned and Councilwoman Bryant seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rhonda Thompson*

Rhonda Thompson  
Town Clerk