

Special Meeting  
Council Meeting Minutes  
For  
February 18, 2008  
Branchville Town Hall  
7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Tim Cooner  
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller  
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon  
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs

**GUESTS**

Sammie Ruple          Daniel Campbell          Debra Perugini

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 out tonight.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Cooner said under item E was Ordinance Book workshop. Mayor Cooner said the Ordinance Books are here and asked what needed to be done. Councilwoman Harmon said she went online and pulled another Town's Ordinance's and they need to be placed by category. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked how do we make our first start on what needs to be done? Councilwoman Harmon said she even read online where the Municipal Judge needs a copy of the Ordinances or needs to know where they can be found. Councilwoman Gibbs brought up an issue regarding curfews and said how could we still have a curfew when there is a 24-hour store in Town. Mayor Cooner spoke to say that the curfew was for the younger generation and not towards older people. Mayor Cooner also said that he thought that the Town needed to hire a law firm to go through the Ordinance books because they would know what Ordinances are abolished and what Ordinances are still in effect. Councilwoman Harmon said the Town doesn't have the money to do this and Mayor Cooner said the Chief of Police quit today and the Town would have extra money now. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said the Town is going to have to find the money to have the Ordinance Books done. Councilwoman Harmon said that she was going to attend a class at the Municipal Association and she would find out if they can send someone to help the Town or recommend someone to the Town.

There was some discussion between the Mayor and Councilwoman Harmon regarding two accounts and how the auditor has to spend extra time separating it out.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made a recommendation that the Town needs to find someone to help the Council organize the Ordinance Books. Mayor Cooner said when we pass our

new Business License Ordinance it would supercede all other Business License Ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said he knew the meeting tonight was for the Ordinance Workshop, but he had a citizen approach him with a question that he could not answer and wanted to know if he could speak at this time. Mr. Sammie Ruple spoke to say that he had concerns regarding the ditch that was dug for the Streetscape project and he contacted the Highway Department regarding the concerns that he did have. Mr. Sammie Ruple said he did speak with the Mayor and engineer regarding the ditch and the engineer said he told the contractors about the ditch. Councilwoman Gibbs said that so many people have come to her complaining that there is nowhere to walk now. Councilwoman Gibbs also stated that the cars speed down that street and there is no place to get out of their way now unless you jump in the ditch. Mayor Cooner said that there would be a meeting in the morning with the Town Engineer and SC DOT. Mayor Cooner said that he wanted someone on Council to take over the Streetscape and someone to take over the Hut and have it finished.

Mayor Cooner asked for a motion to adjourn on three occasions and Mayor Pro Tem Miller motioned and no one would ever second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rhonda Thompson  
Town Clerk