

Council Meeting Minutes
For
March 3, 2008
Branchville Town Hall
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Tim Cooner
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon
Councilwoman Amy Bryant
Councilman Chris Ott
Councilman Charles Dukes

OTHERS PRESENT

Rhonda Thompson Town Clerk

GUESTS

Carolyn Campbell	Beatrice Miller	Polly Thompson	Dan Campbell
Debra Perugini	Betty Skolasky	Beverly Berry	Betty Blaylock
Janice Folk	Luther Folk	Gidget Vickers	Charlie S. Byrd
Kareem Williams	Hiram R. Johnson	David Hess	Sam Whisenhunt
Tim 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 out tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said a correction needs to be made regarding the statement about the streetlights and it should be the lights are out on the welcome sign. Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council and Councilwoman Bryant motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS/NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Cooner asked for public comments, hearing none.

Mr. Charlie Byrd asked when the rural water project would start, and the Mayor replied that he thought it should begin in April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Sam Whisenhunt spoke to say that he appreciated all the Town has done for Horton field and it will touch the lives of 120 children this year. Mr. Whisenhunt said he did have another request and that was a net for the backstop, replace some of the lights and scrape a place behind Sammie Ruple's house for some children to practice. Mayor Cooner said that he wanted to put the net under advisement tonight. The Mayor

continued on by saying that the light poles were the first priority. Mayor Cooner said that there were several groups of individuals using the Old High School Gym and that the Town would need schedules for these groups. Mr. Hiram Johnson spoke to say that Mr. Marvin Brown could not be present tonight but did send a schedule for when they planned on using the gym for basketball with the children after school hours. Mayor Cooner said first thing in the morning the locks on the Old High School Gym will be changed. Mayor Cooner said that he believed that we do need to invest into our youth, to get them started on the right track and then we need to take care of our elderly people. Councilwoman Bryant motioned for the Town to go ahead and purchase the net for the backstop and Councilman Ott seconded.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council for approving the financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked several questions regarding the financial report and afterwards Councilman Dukes motioned to approve and Councilman Ott seconded.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Police Department –

-Mayor Cooner said everything is running pretty smooth. Councilwoman Harmon had several questions regarding the unmarked police car. Mayor Cooner replied by saying that the unmarked car is currently off the road. There was some discussion at this time regarding the car that Officer Luck was driving when the tire blew out and whether or not the Town was going to replace that vehicle. Mayor Cooner said the officers were sharing cars at this time.

Administrative Office

-Mayor Cooner asked Mayor Pro Tem Miller if he had anything. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said nothing at this time.

Public Works

-Mayor Cooner said we have the Streetscape project going on now that will create some work to replace some of our older water lines. Mayor Cooner said that after the Streetscape is completed that he is going to request that Main Street be resurfaced.

Mayors Report

-Mayor Cooner covered under his report information about receiving grants and having to fund the match percent money out of the Town's funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cooner said he already covered this item tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cooner asked if Council wanted to have a reading on the New Business License Ordinance by name only and Councilwoman Bryant motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded. Councilman Chris Ott Nay.

PROGRESS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Cooner said this item has already been covered tonight and the Rural Water Project should start in April.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Mayor Cooner said he had nothing.

Mayor Cooner asked for a meeting to adjourn and Councilman Dukes motioned and Councilwoman Bryant seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rhonda Thompson

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