

Council Meeting Minutes

For  
August 11, 2008  
Branchville Town Hall  
7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**GUESTS**

Leroy Williams	Johnny	John Goodwin	Beverly Berry
Carolyn Campbell	Melody Ethridge	Betsy Ethridge	Billy Ethridge
Sammie L. Ruple	Daniel Campbell	Tim Harmon	Betty Blaylock
Harriet Hughes			

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

After a short break, Mayor Cooner called the meeting back to order and welcomed everyone out tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council on the approval of minutes Councilman Dukes motioned and Councilman Bryant seconded. Minutes approved.

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

Melody Ethridge voiced concern over the Mayor and Council not working together as a team. She also had several concerns for Council including insurance on the water tank, records of interest earned on certificate of deposits, voting at the July 7 meeting to amend the business license fees, and minutes and financials being voted on and approved into record without changes. She stressed to Council and the Mayor that they were voted into office to get along and do what's best for the Town. Mayor Cooner asked Council if they had any comments for Mrs. Ethridge with none heard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OF OTHER MATTERS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council for approving the financial report. After several questions from Councilwoman Harmon about items not being keyed in correctly, council opted to defer approval of financial reports until the August Meeting. It was discussed that the financial software was outdated. It was motioned and seconded to have a special meeting to discuss purchase of new software.

## **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **Administrative Office**

-Mayor Cooner asked Mayor Pro Tem Miller if he had anything. Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that his concerns were answered about the felt under the tin at the depot.

Councilwoman Harmon expressed her concerns about the children riding skate boards at the old High School property. She requested to speak to the Chief of Police to see in what manner it was handled. Mayor Cooner stated that would be fine.

Harriet Hughes expressed her gratitude for the response of the Branchville Police Department in reference to her concerns voiced at the last meeting about speeding on Ott Street. She did see officers patrolling the street and it was briefly discussed that it may have been citizens that actually live on that street.

Councilwoman Harmon was concerned that the town's new water tank is not covered by the Town's Insurance. Mayor Cooner assured Councilwoman Harmon that the tank was covered at present.

### **New Business... None to discuss**

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs discussed with council about the library in the Town of Branchville. Mayor Pro Tem Miller then asked if it was possible that we move the library into the Hut on a temporary basis. There was an at length discussion with Council that a library is very much needed because the book mobile does not have computers. After hearing comments from the Town's citizens, Mayor Pro Tem Miller offered a motion that the County be contacted to see if they would like to use the Hut bldg. temporarily as the library. That motion was seconded and passed. Councilwoman Harmon offered to contact the county to see if they would be interested, and that she would bring the information back to council.

At this time, Mayor Cooner placed his keys on the table and stated he would not continue to be the day to day administrator of the Town. He stated he would remain Mayor but he would not be responsible for daily operations.

After no further business Council voted to adjourn .