

PUBLIC HEARING
Southeastern Peanut Plant
Branchville Community Center
October 7 2008
7:00 PM

Mayor Tim Cooner presiding

Council Present

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilwoman Amy Bryant
Councilman Charles Dukes
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon

Mayor Cooner opened the meeting stating he would acknowledge any one who has a complaint.

After a moment no one replied. he continued with saying that he had received a letter from Mark Ott 149 Snoopy Drive Branchville S.C.

A formal complaint with a copy of last years complaint concerning the noise at his home from the Peanut Plant.

Mayor Cooner then read a letter from OSHA with information on the decibels of sound levels and said that on September 16, 2008 at 11am the SEPA had done a survey on the sound levels. And that last year a 10 foot berm of dirt had been placed on the Peanut Plants property to try and divert the sound away from Mr. Ott's house and that trees were also planted there.

A suggestion was made to turn the fans in another direction. but that may not be the answer to the problem.

Mayor Cooner stated it is not that we don't want to take action. action has been taken and that further action can be taken with a moderate expense.

Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon is concerned about the Peanut Plant not having a business licenses and had called to check if they had obtained one. There is no selling going on there. the peanuts are being hauled to Allendale and Cameron. not Branchville. He then said he will personally write a letter to Sublet McAlhaney tomorrow and see that the Plant obtains a Business Licenses.

Mayor Cooner said that we need to look at the whole picture...times are tough and that it costs the farmer's 850.00 just to plant a crop of peanuts.

Several Branchville citizens then voiced their concerns on the noise levels.

Mr. Harry Whimberly stated that until someone makes an Independent Study he doesn't feel we have a problem and that there is necessary noise and unnecessary noise. The Peanut Plant came here to try and encourage industry for the Town. If we have a problem let's try and fix it. two weeks from now the fans will be shut down. Branchville is the central location for the Peanut Plant.

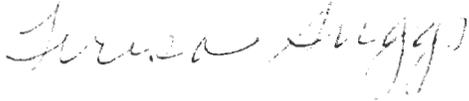
Mayor Cooner stated that Mr. Mark Ott does have a problem and hopefully we can correct it in a timely manner.

Mayor Cooner said the Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Suggs

Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Suggs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name and title.