

Council Meeting Minutes  
For  
December 8 2008  
7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Teresa Suggs Town Clerk

**GUESTS**

Harriet Hughes Tom Jennings  
Betty Blaylock Donna Fralix

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.

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council for the approval of the Minutes.  
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon made the motion to approve and Councilman Chris Ott seconded.

There were NO Public Comments to be heard.

Mayor Cooner asked for the approval of the Financial Report.  
Councilman Charles Dukes made the motion to approve and Councilman Chris Ott seconded.

Mayor Cooner discussed the Towns Water Line Project, and stated that we have been approved by DEHEC for water usage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Cooner stated that he met with Don Nicholson of NICHOLSON SOFTWARE last week. All avenues of the new system were discussed  
Accounts Payable  
Business Licenses  
General Ledger  
Payroll System  
Utility Billing Program

The total for the new Business System should be around 18,200.00.  
3200.00 at sign on of the new System and 416.00 a month with 0 interest.

Mayor Cooner stated that the new Business System should be up and running the first week of January. He said that this system will do everything, the system that we have now is actually for a home based business and that the new system will have more true balances and that is what we are looking for.

The new Utility Billing was also discussed, with our old system we are sending out 3 pieces of mail a month.

Water Bill

Penalty

Shut Off Notice

With the new System there will only be one bill sent out which will include everything.

Councilman Charles Dukes made the motion to except the new System and Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the motion.

Mayor Cooner stated that there will be some changes on our 2009 Budget Proposal line items. Also that we will not have the new Budget up and running by January 1,2009. We will have the second reading in January and the third reading in February.

Councilman Charles Dukes made the motion to accept the 2009 Budget Proposal and Councilman Chris Ott seconded the motion.

Mayor Cooner said he would like to see a motion for the Towns full time employees to receive 3 days off for Christmas that would include Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller opposed the 3 days and stated that they could take 2 days for the Holiday and then use a sick day. *Georgianna also opposed*

Councilman Chris Ott made the motion to approve the 3 days and Councilman Charles Dukes seconded the motion.

Mayor Cooner discussed the Towns Christmas Party, he said it would be nice to have it at The Eatery at the Depot instead of at the Community Center. And that he had received a quote {per plate} from Norris Jarrett.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller questioned why the other restaurants in Town had not been considered. He suggested the Town ask Roberts for a quote also.

Mayor Cooner called Robert Berry and ask him for a quote as well, and with more discussion Mayor Cooner stated that the Towns Party would be cancelled this year.

There was discussion on the Towns 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration it is moving along very well.

Mayor Cooner said that on behalf of the Town of Branchville he would like to present Mrs. Donna Fralix with a check from the Relief Fund for Tornado Victim's.

A check will also be given to Mrs. Mamie Carson who was not able to be here tonight.

Mayor Cooner asked that this meeting come to an end.

Councilman Charles Dukes made the motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Suggs

Town Clerk