

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FOR
April 6, 2009**

COUNCIL PRESENT

**MAYOR TIMOTHY COONER
MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT
COUNCILWOMAN BENITA GIBBS
COUNCILMAN CHRIS OTT
COUNCILWOMAN GEORGIANA HARMON**

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

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilman Chris Ott made the motion to approve the Minutes
Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the motion**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

**Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council for the Financial Report
Councilwoman Amy Bryant asked that we could hold off until next month
Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the motion**

**Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that he was opposed to the new Water Bill
He said that it costs the Town too much money, and that we need to go back to the old Water Bill.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Miller then made the motion to go back to the old bill
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the motion**

Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon suggested that the Town Council Meetings be changed to the second Monday night of the month at 6pm

She then made the motion

Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the motion

**There was discussion that the Town Council Meetings are set by Ordinance
This was a vote by name only**

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

No comments at this time

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to move the Towns sign back to the center of Town

Motion dies No seconded

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Cooner stated that the new Water Tank is up at Cattle Creek and that the contractor is just waiting for better weather for completion.

MAYOR REPORT

No Comments

There was discussion on the FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE ORDINANCE Mayor Cooner stated that it would take 3 readings and that we could have Special Council Meetings if needed.

Councilwoman Harmon asked what other things do we need to do?

Mayor Cooner stated, this is it right here, a million and a half for our Town Hall.

PROGRESS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Cooner stated that some clean up needs to be done on our Water Project And that he is making sure the contractors clean it all up and plant some grass.

Mayor Cooner asked for a few minutes adjournment.

After the meeting resumed Mayor Cooner said that the most important thing to him is the Flood Insurance.

He then read the old Flood Ordinance from 1974. He stated that the Town at that time did not take the necessary action and the Town was suspended.

He then stated that this new Flood Insurance only applies to Pen Branch but that it is for Branchville.

Basically the Ordinance is saying you can not build in Pen Branch you must be out of the Flood Zone.

The Town has to show that we are involved and participate in all FEMA PROGRAMS in order to get the grant.

The grant would be used for the construction of Town Hall. And we cannot be so narrow minded as not to pass this for the Town of Branchville.

Councilman Chris Ott made the motion

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded

Mayor Cooner stated that some people in Town are not complying with the Town's Ordinance for our water and sewer.

A letter was written to these people, one person said that the Mayor was not allowed

on his property to inspect their water and sewer hook up, and another person has refused the certified letter that was sent to them.

This is something that seriously needs to be reviewed. Who is paying for what these people are doing?

Mayor Cooner then stated that we will write an Ordinance, if your water is turned off for so many days your power will also be turned off and your house will be condemned.

It is by LAW that all citizens comply to the water and sewage Ordinance.

**Mayor Cooner made the motion to Adjourn
Councilman Chris Ott seconded the motion.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Suggs

Town Clerk