

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FOR
JULY 6, 2009

COUNCIL PRESENT

MAYOR TIMOTHY COONER
MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER
COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES
COUNCILMAN CHRIS OTT
COUNCILWOMAN BENITA GIBBS
COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT
COUNCILWOMAN GEORGIANNA 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 TO THE MEETING

MAYOR COONER ASKED THE PLEASURE OF COUNCIL ON APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2009
COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES MOTIONED TO APPROVE
COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT SECONDED

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS OF OTHER MATTERS, A CITIZEN ASKED IF COUNCIL WOULD APPROVE THE SUMMER WATER PROGRAM

MAYOR COONER ASKED COUNCILWOMAN HARMON IF SHE HAD SOMETHING TO BRING BEFORE COUNCIL
COUNCILWOMAN HARMON MADE THE MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE SUMMER WATER PROGRAM
COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION

MAYOR COONER ASKED COUNCILWOMAN HARMON IF SHE WOULD DRAFT THE ORDINANCE FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM
COUNCILWOMAN HARMON SAID YES

MAYOR COONER ASKED THE PLEASURE OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT
MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE
COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES SECONDED THE MOTION

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE HERE IN BRANCHVILLE
HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR 2 MORE POLICE OFFICERS AND WE SHOULD HEAR ABOUT THAT AROUND THE END OF JULY

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON CONTINUING TO RENT OUT THE TOWN'S BACK HOE, DITCH WITCH, AND BUSH HOG
COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES STATED HE FELT IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS OUR PEOPLE OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THOSE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN RENTED OUT FOR MANY YEARS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CITIZENS PROPERTIES

COUNCILWOMAN HARMON STATED THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION SAID IT IS ILLEGAL TO RENT OUT TOWN EQUIPMENT

COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES STATED "YOU MUST LIVE UP THERE"

COUNCILMAN CHRIS OTT SAID TO "LEAVE IT LIKE IT IS"

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT WE NEED TO START VOICING OUR OPINION TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER SAID "WE NEED ALL THE NEW PEOPLE TO TIE INTO THE WATER SYSTEM, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST CALL THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION"

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE TYING OUR HANDS TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF BRANCHVILLE AND HE ALSO SAID THAT IT ISN'T WORTH IT FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES TO SEND MONEY TO THEM, TO DRAW A BIG CHECK AND GO TO THE STATE HOUSE AND NOT HELP US

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT COUNCILWOMAN HARMON HAD BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THAT THE TOWN HAD NOT FOLLOWED PROPER PROCEDURE FOR THE HIRING OF THE TOWN CLERK AND THE POSITION IN THE CLERK OF COURT OFFICE

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THERE WAS ADVERTIZING FOR THE TOWN CLERKS POSITION AT THAT TIME AND THAT ADDITIONAL ADVERTIZING HAD BEEN DONE FOR BOTH POSITIONS IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS COSTING THE TOWN AN ADDITIONAL 600.00 HE ALSO SAID THAT IN THE PAST YEARS COUNCIL HAD LEFT THE HIRING AND FIRING OF EMPLOYEES UP TO HIM

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER STATED THAT 3 YEARS AGO IT WAS VOTED IN COUNCIL TO GIVE THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND FIRE

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT HE IS VERY PROUD OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK FOR THE TOWN AND HE THINKS OF THEM ALL AS FAMILY

MAYOR COONER STATED THAT THE BRANCHVILLE MASONIC LODGE HAS ASKED THE TOWN TO DONATE 100.00 FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

COUNCILWOMAN AMY BRYANT MADE THE MOTION THAT WE GIVE THE 100.00

COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES SECONDED THE MOTION

COUNCILWOMAN BENITA GIBBS ASKED WHEN HEALTH PLEX WILL OPEN

MAYOR COONER SAID THEY WERE HERE TODAY DOING SHEET ROCK AND THEY PLAN TO OPEN THE MIDDLE OF JULY

COUNCILWOMAN GIBBS WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE OLD SCHOOL BEING IN SUCH BAD SHAPE AND THAT CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO BE IN THERE

COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE BUILDING SHOULD BE FIXED UP

COUNCILMAN CHRIS OTT STATED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A FOOTBALL TEAM NEXT YEAR IF THEY DO NOT GET A SCOREBOARD

MAYOR COONER REPLIED THAT HE HAS ASKED HARRY WIMBERLY TO GIVE US COUNTY MONEY SO HERE IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO, A SCOREBOARD COSTS AROUND 5000.00 SO I MAKE THE MOTION THAT WE USE THIS MONEY FOR THAT AND THAT THE REMAINDER BE USED TO FIX UP THE OLD SCHOOL GYM

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER ASKED IF WE COULD USE THE COUNTY PENNY MONEY FOR THAT AND MAYOR COONER REPLIED THAT THE MONEY HAD BEEN EAR-MARKED FOR RECREATION

COUNCILMAN CHRIS OTT SECONDED THE MOTION

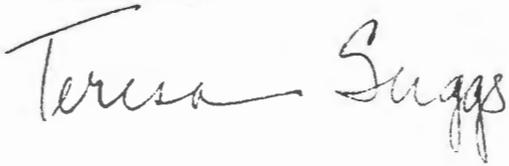
MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

COUNCILMAN CHARLES DUKES SECONDED THE MOTION

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

TOWN CLERK
TERESA SUGGS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Suggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "S".