

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2011

PRESIDING: Mayor Timothy Cooner

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilman Tom Jennings
Councilman Chris Ott
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs
Councilwoman Amy Bryant

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Councilman Charles Dukes

Mayor Cooner called the meeting to order and ask that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that in the last meeting, Council voted to have Roll Call for Council Members at each meeting and asked if Council could be paid once a month instead of at the end of the year

Councilman Tom Jennings said he would like to keep it the way it is because of extra check writing etc.

Councilman Tom Jennings made the Motion to approve the Minutes
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion
Motion Carried

There were No Public Comments on Agenda Items or Other Matters

Councilman Chris Ott made the Motion to approve the Financial Report
Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the Motion
Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner gave discussion on the new 2011 Budget , he said that this new Budget will be an 11% increase

He also stated that we need to increase our Water and Sewer Rates he said that we are sinking in our Water and Sewer Rates. We need to increase our water rate to 10.00 and Sewer to 10.00 and Waste Collection to 10.75

Mayor Cooner stated that we cut our expenses in the General Fund by 2% which is good and the General Fund Budget is a good Budget

Between the General Fund and the Police Dept. we have cut the Budget by 4%, the Police Dept, gas, oil and tires was increased for 2011 because gas prices are going up

He said that the last increase in Water and Sewer was in 2006 and without these increases the Water and Sewer Dept. will not be able to stay afloat

Mayor Cooner then stated that another Special Council meeting needs to be called for next Monday night to have the 2nd Reading and also a Public Hearing

Mayor Cooner asked that Council just think about this new Budget until next Monday night, the Public Hearing should be at 6:45 and the Council meeting at 7:00

Mayor Cooner said he would like a Motion to approve the New Council Meeting Dates for 2011

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to Approve the new dates

Councilman Tom Jennings seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner then stated that we need to start cracking the whip on our New Town Hall now, it is just too cramped in the maintenance building

Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that he knows money is tight but we need to think about the Old Elementary School building

Mayor Cooner said that he has 2 bids on that project and will bring them to the next meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked what happened to Sen. Matthews wanting to make a Boys Club out of the old school, he said we need to call him to see what his plans are

Mayor Cooner said that the water and sewer employees are doing a very good job putting in the new radio read meters

Mayor Cooner stated that he would like to revamp the Towns Personnel Policy and Pay Structure if any of you are interested in helping me just let me know

Mayor Cooner stated that he would like to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter

After Executive Session there was much discussion on Branchville having a Christmas Parade

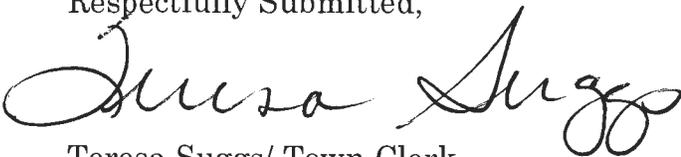
Mayor Cooner stated that at our February Meeting we can plan a date for that
Mayor Cooner asked the Town Clerk to call other surrounding Town's to see what
their dates will be for 2011

Mayor Cooner said that we don't support our local Merchants in Town the way we
should and that we need to get people moving into Town
He said that we have a beautiful Community and that we need to organize a
Garden Club and Merchants Association again

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs made the Motion to Adjourn
which was seconded by all

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa Suggs/ Town Clerk