

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE  
COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 11, 2011

7PM

PRESIDING: Mayor Timothy Cooner

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Councilman Tom Jennings  
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs  
Councilman Chris Ott  
Councilwoman Amy Bryant

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

Mayor Cooner gave Roll Call for Council

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone to the meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed concern that our water system continue out to the Zion area there was discussion with Mayor and Council

Mayor Cooner asked the Pleasure of Council for the Approval of the Minutes from June 6, 2011

Councilman Tom Jennings made the Motion to Approve the Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

There were no Public Comments on Agenda or Other Items

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to accept the Financial Report

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner stated that the Police Department is moving right along doing a great job and hopes that Council will authorize the sale of 2 older police cars and purchase a new one from Vic Bailey

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to purchase the new Police car and also to sell the Impala and the older Crown Vic

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs second the Motion

Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner stated that he met with County Councilman Harry Wimberly and Senator Matthews to discuss the Lockett Street Gym Project, Harry Wimberly said that he has money reserved for us, he also said that he was authorized to spend 50,000.00 and that the rest of the building is in horrible shape. Mayor Cooner also said that we need to hold a Public Hearing on location to give the Town's people the opportunity to see the condition of the building he said that the after school program is a wonderful idea and maybe we could save the lunch room

Mayor Cooner also said that he thought it was very nice for the 50,000.00 and that there will be more monies available

Mayor Cooner said that this afternoon he received word from the architect and the final set of plans is being sent

He stated that he has spoken with Harry Wimberly about the Library for Branchville and he will be getting back to us about that

Mayor Cooner said that a small amount of asbestos was found in the old Dentist Office and must be removed it will cost 1200.00 to have it removed

Mayor Cooner stated that the Town looks the best it has looked since he has been Mayor

There was no Old Business

New Business: Mrs. Virginia Ott brought before Mayor and Council discussion of the Branchville Rescue Squad

She stated that they are not receiving any more funding from the County and that they are having financial difficulties

Mayor Cooner stated that he wants the record to reflect that without a shadow of a doubt he wants an Ambulance in the Town of Branchville and that he told Harry Wimberly how disappointed he was in the Counties decision to pull the funding

There was much discussion between Mayor, Council, and Mrs. Ott about the Rescue Squad

Mayor Cooner suggested a Board of Directors for the Rescue Squad and said that he feels that with a little re-construction County Council would help us get the money and get our Ambulance up and running again

Mayor Cooner stated that the Town will provide no more than a 4500.00 loan for the Rescue squad and that when the Board of Directors is in place we will then look at a payment plan

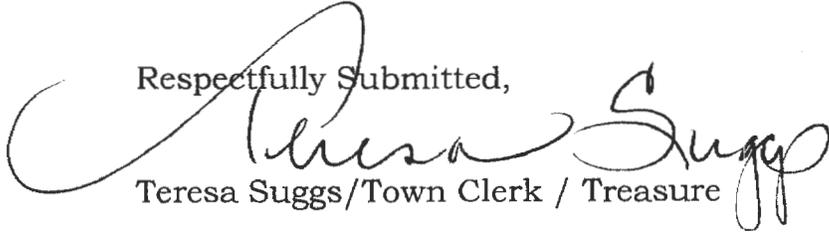
Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion that we loan the Rescue Squad 4500.00 Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Tom Jennings made the Motion to Adjourn  
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion  
Motion Carried  
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Suggs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Teresa Suggs/Town Clerk / Treasure