

COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2012

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

Mayor Cooner said that at the last meeting Council had discussed the brick pavers for the new Town Hall and I am asking tonight for the Motion to proceed with this

Councilman Tom Jennings made the Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner said that the Town has spent 49,858.00 so far on the old Lockett Gym and that was advertized, Mr. Fred Gaskins won that bid. Since then Mayor Cooner stated that he has met with Harry Wimberly and Senator Matthews trying to come up with the money to finish the work at the Gym

We had a mandatory Pre bid on the rest of the work and only two people came to that but only one company submitted a bid and that bid was 18,200.00

We are borrowing the money to complete the Town Hall and I would like to take 25,000.00 of that money and use it towards the completion of the Gym {except for the heat and the floor}

A rubber floor is what everyone is talking about and I don't know the cost of one of those floors but Councilwoman Amy Bryant and Councilwoman Benita Gibbs are checking into that for us

We will also need to do something with the fencing over there and will have to take competitive bids on that project

Mayor Cooner then stated that he would like to have a Motion tonight to use some of that money for the completion of the Gym

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to proceed with the funds

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner then said if we put the fence back up and secure the building a little better we need to get the community involved

Mayor Cooner then said that he had no further business

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if Mayor Cooner would please excuse himself from the meeting

Mayor Cooner then said he has one more article of business and stated that the Rescue Squad is not in business at this time and that the Town has helped them pay their bills @ 300.00 is due to SCEG that we need to pay and write the check out of the Rescue Squad check book to pay that bill

There is someone that wants to rent the lunch room to open up a junk store

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion that the bill be paid and the lights be turned on in the Town of Branchville's name

Councilman Tom Jennings seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

At that time Mayor Cooner excused himself from the building

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that as you all have noticed our Town Hall is moving forward and it is not a turn key job

We are getting ready to spend major money and we need someone to oversee this project and we need someone now

Councilman Tom Jennings said that it is not the Mayors job to supervise and that it is not fair for him to do the job for no pay and I would like to see the Mayor have this job

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that we have to concentrate on this job if we run an ad it will take about three weeks to hire someone and we can't wait that long so until then we need someone and we need to discuss how much we will pay

Councilwoman Benita Gibbs stated that she did not know how much a Coordinator makes

Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that we will need a written progress report

Councilman Tom Jennings said that he feels 60.00 per hour is too much money and then said that 25.00 per hour is a good price

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that 25.00 is what will be offered for pay
And that the Clerk will write the ad for the newspaper
He then said he would like to ask the Mayor to commit himself for the job and to accept the 25.00 per hour for pay
Councilman Jennings said so we are going to run an ad in the paper and agree to this pay

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to pay 25.00 per hour
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion
Motion Carried

Councilman Tom Jennings said he feels like we need to put it in the newspaper that the job is paying 25.00 per hour and it will be based on a 40 hours per week it boils down to 1000.00 per week and we want to hire the Mayor for this job that is why the Mayor had to leave the meeting
Councilman Jennings then made the Motion that we offer the Mayor 25.00 per hour for this job
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion
Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner was then called and asked to return to the meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said Mayor Cooner we had ask that you leave this meeting because there was something Council needed to discuss you had said that the Town needs a coordinator for this Town Hall project and we all know that you can do this job, Council has decided that the Town pay 25.00 per hour and ask that you accept and supervise this job
Mayor Cooner asked if that would be an interim position
Mayor Pro Tem Miller said yes

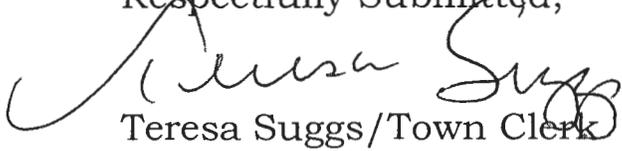
Mayor Cooner said to let the record show that the Mayor accepts this position for 25.00 per hour

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said Thank you to Mayor Cooner

Mayor Cooner then stated that we need to meet on the heating and air for the new building and that the Clerk will advertize tomorrow in the paper

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Suggs".

Teresa Suggs/Town Clerk