

**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2017**

**Members Present:** Mayor – Anthony Hulsey  
**Council Members:** Mayor Pro Tem –David Owens, Ashlee Godfrey, Jan Pourquoi,  
Andrea Gordy & Sheldon Fowler

**City Manager:** Mike Brown  
**City Clerk:** Pam Garrison

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor, Anthony Hulsey.

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was given by Mayor Hulsey.

**Reports from City Manager**

Mr. Mike Brown, City Manager, reported that the Sanitation truck has been back in the shop once again. The City of Dalton has been our back-up support on allowing us to have use of one of their trucks and a driver. It has now been brought to the attention of the City Manager that the Mayor of Dalton will have to be contacted before any further use of their trucks. Mayor Hulsey is to get with Dennis Mock, Mayor of Dalton to discuss this issue.

Chief Lyle Grant has been ask by the Council to come up with a cost in order for the Police Department to become State Certified. Chief Grant will present to estimated cost in order for the Council's approval to allocate funds and then add a capital line item. It was requested that Chief Grant have the tag reader assigned to a vehicle that one of the full time officer drives.

Chief Grant was informed that the part time officer hours needs to be cut back from 80 hrs. per week to 50 hours per week. Only two officers on duty at any given time.

Funding associated with becoming state certified will include \$20,000.00 which is allocated already in a full time position salary and \$10,000.00 which is allocated in the Recreation Department. This will be a total of \$30,000 to be used for the state certification.

Metal Detector and an AED have been approved for certification.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new Garbage truck. After deliberation, it was decided that a new truck with a 5 year warranty would be best suited for our City. Investigating bids for financing of the new truck.

Sanitation truck bids were sent out. 2018 Sanitation truck bid was awarded to Peterbuilt. The final bid for the new truck with a 5 year warranty was a cost of \$237,050.00. Selection of who will finance the truck for the best rate with a 3 year annual payment will be sought out and discussed at the next meeting.

Mike Brown, City Manager, request permission to purchase 50 more new trash cans for our City residents. Our supply is getting low.

Mike Brown stated that he is taking bids for the resurfacing of the outdoor tennis courts as They are being used frequently now. When completed, the court color will be blue as Symbolic for the two area high schools team colors.

A diagram of a new City of Varnell logo was presented. This new logo will be used on the new garbage truck as well as any official documents, brochures and uniforms.

### **AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Andrea Gordy to approve the Agenda, Minutes and Financial reports for the February 2017 meeting. Ashley Godfrey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Andrea Gordy to annex the following properties into the City of Varnell,

J. Peeples – Parcel #11-192-05-013

J. Reyes - Parcel #11-263-01-091

R. Dedios – Parcel #11-264-06-035

The motion was seconded by Sheldon Fowler and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey for a budget amendment to allocate \$30,000.00(Police Capital) to the Police Department budget in order to help with becoming state certified. The motion was seconded by Andrea Gordy and the motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Andrea Gordy and seconded by Ashlee Godfrey to purchase 50 new garbage cans for city residents and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Andrea Gordy and seconded by Ashlee Godfrey to purchase a Metal detector and the AED machine to be used in the City Hall building. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Andrea Gordy and seconded by Ashlee Godfrey to have the resurfacing of the outdoor tennis courts completed which is now being used as outdoor basketball courts. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by David Owens to purchase the new garbage truck. The motion was seconded by Andrea Gordy and carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Sheldon Fowler to adjourn the meeting, with David Owens seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Pam Garrison  
City Clerk