

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
Special Called Meeting &
2018 Proposed Budget Meeting
January 2, 2018**

Council Members: Mayor – Tom Dickson, Mayor Pro-Tem – Ashlee Godfrey,
Present: Bill Caylor, Bob Roche & Clyde Williams

City Manager: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

Absent: David Owens

The City Council special called and 2018 meeting was called to order at 6:00 by City Manager, Mike Brown. Mr. Brown introduced Municipal Court Judge, Allen Hammontree, who conducted the newly elected officials oath of office ceremony as follows:

Tom Dickson – Mayor
Bill Caylor – Council Member
Ashlee Godfrey – Council Member
Bob Roche – Council Member
Clyde Williams – Council Member

At the conclusion of the swearing-in ceremony, the elected officials took the stand to conduct the council meeting.

EXECUTIVE DUTIES

Mayor Dickson confirmed a quorum. The Invocation and pledge to the flag was given by Bill Caylor. Mayor Dickson thanked everyone for their attendance to the ceremony and encouraged them to attend council meetings for the upcoming year.

CONSENT

Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Roche made a motion to nominate Ashlee Godfrey as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dickson presented a token of appreciation plaque to outgoing Mayor Anthony Hulsey for his four years of service to the City of Varnell Mayor.

Pam Garrison, City Clerk presented the council members a copy of a veto message of disapproval from former Mayor Hulsey regarding the dissolution of the Varnell Police Department. Upon receipt of the veto, Mayor Tom Dickson open the stand for any questions from the City Council. With no questions or discussion, the veto will stand as presented.

The reappointment of the following officers for the next two years were as following:

City Attorney – Terry Miller
City Solicitor – Mike Corbin
City Clerk – Pam Garrison
Chief of Police - Lyle Grant

Municipal Court Judge – Allen Hammontree
City Administrator – Mike Brown
Municipal Court Clerk – Pam Garrison

Mayor Dickson presented an ordinance to establish order, ethical conduct and decorum for council meetings. Bob Roche made a motion to approve the ordinance with Ashlee Godfrey seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dickson presented a resolution that the City of Varnell re-join the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce for 2018. Motion for approval was made by Bob Roche with Ashlee Godfrey seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tom Dickson stated that the City Charter specifies that the City of Varnell have at least (5) five separate committees which Council members were assigned to oversee and help in the following committee assignments:

- 1 – Budget & Finance - Ashlee Godfrey & Bill Caylor
- 2 – Charter & Long Range Planning – Ashlee Godfrey & David Owens
- 3 - Annexation– Bob Roche & Clyde Williams
- 4 – Recreation & Community Outreach – Bob Roche & David Owens
- 5 – Public Safety – Clyde Williams & Bill Caylor

The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem may vote on any of items presented by the committee if necessary.

Ashlee Godfrey presented the proposed Budget for 2018 with details per specific Department. This is the first reading of the proposed budget. The second reading of the proposed budget will be on January 16, 2018 at the regular City Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Dickson at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk