

**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2017**

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

**City Manager:** Mike Brown

**Absent:** Andrea Gordy

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor, Anthony Hulsey.

Invocation was given by Chief Lyle Grant and Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Hulsey.

**Reports from City Manager**

Mr. Mike Brown, City Manager, reported that the Sanitation truck has been back in operation for the past 6 weeks with no problems.

Chief Lyle Grant gave an update on the Police Department Certification as listed below:

- Officers trained 525 hours
- 391 Incident reports
- 109 Accident report etc.
- Need to get building up to date (medical supplies/AED, metal detector)

Reserve Account balance will be one month behind each month.

Discussion was held on Maintenance building.

The hiring of an Activity Director for Senior Center has been postponed. These funds that were to be applied towards the salary for the activity director will now be applied to the Varnell Police Department Certification.

Alarm system is to be installed on outside City Hall doors and evidence room. A camera system is to be installed in the Court Room as well as the evidence room.

The 2016 Audit will be started sometime after February 17, 2017.

The City mailed out cemetery donation letters.

Sanitation truck bids were sent out. Sealed bids to be opened March 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Sheldon Fowler to approve the Agenda, Minutes from the three January meetings, and the financial reports for January, 2017. Jan Pourquoi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Joe Cook attended the meeting to update the Council regarding fracking and protect operations, water supply, public notice, provision on monitoring drilling HB 205 in the house right now. Twelve local municipal courts have adopted it so far. This will not restrict development. Jan Pourquoi made a motion to adopt the resolution for fracking. David Owens seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget amendment will be made at the next Council meeting for \$10,000.00 for Police Department Certification. Jan Pourquoi made a motion to reallocate funds which were delegated for the hiring of an activity director and be designated for the Police Department towards completing the Certification process. Motion was seconded by Ashlee Godfrey and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Off Duty Police Officers work. David Owens stated he believes it is not beneficial for the City or tax payers as he believes it's a huge risk. Jan Pourquoi stated that he doesn't agree with it because it's paid by tax payers. Mayor Hulsey states that he thinks we should make provision where city gets paid and we pay the off-duty police, so it also covers maintenance/gas for the city. A motion was made by David Owens and seconded by Jan Pourquoi to deny any use of city equipment for Police/Employer. No use of equipment of the city is to be used by Police or off duty employees. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bob Roche asked that a resolution against Oasis of Love Transition house be made. A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey and seconded by Sheldon Fowler to have City Attorney, Terry Miller authorization to prepare a resolution against Transition house for next meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Sheldon Fowler to adjourn the meeting, with Jan Pourquoi seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Pam Garrison  
City Clerk