

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017**

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

City Manager: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor, Anthony Hulsey.

AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by David Owens to approve the Agenda with amendments stating that the July 20, 2017 minutes should be stated as a Public Citizen Meeting. Motion was seconded by Jan Pourquoi and the motion carried unanimously. David Owens made a motion to approve the Agenda with amendments regarding a second to the motion for July 28th minutes. Jan Pourquoi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to approve financials for June & July, 2017. The motion was seconded by David Owens and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey and seconded by David Owens to accept the resignation from City Council person Andrea Gordy from City Council.

Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to adopt the resolution of filling the unexpired term for Council seats #4 and #5. David Owens seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The annexation for Clogger Properties was tabled in order to have a public hearing. The hearing will have to take place before this annexation can be adopted.

The floor was opened for public comment and a few of the residences voiced their opinion on dissolving the Police Department and the issue. David Owens spoke briefly regarding the non-binding referendum on the November 2017 ballot. Jan Pourquoi spoke as well regarding what he believes to be double coverage in having a Police Department when Whitfield County Sherriff's Department is already covering the Varnell area.

David Owens made a motion to have the non-binding referendum placed on the November ballot. Ashlee Godfrey Stated that the council would have to have a second meeting in order to put the referendum regarding the dissolving Of the Police Department and omitting property tax. At this point, she recused herself from the meeting and no Further vote could be taken from the council due to a lack of quorum. Therefore, Mayor Hulsey declared adjournment To the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk