

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018**

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

City Administrator: 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, Tom Dickson.

Invocation was given by Reverend Tony Robertson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by local boy Scout, Trey Hooper.

Reports from City Administrator

City Administrator Mike Brown gave update on the following projects:

- Whitfield County nutrition program going well with 5 locations in Varnell area and has fed 8,400 children this summer.
- The Playground grant is completed and has been submitted to DNR.
- A revised SPLOST list was presented to Council with the list
- City of Varnell co-sponsored Fireworks with Highland Forrest HOA and were held on July 3rd.
- The Sanitation truck was involved in an accident 2 weeks ago. No major damage to The truck. Awaiting information from the insurance company at this time.
- The parking lot relining has been completed.
- Funds of \$5,000.00 was transferred to the Reserve account.
- Tree limbs and debris have now been removed due to recent storms.
- The run-off election will be July 24, 2018 at the gym.
- The SPLOST list has been revised and copies were distributed. If this passes, It will go into effect on 7/1/19.

AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey to approve the Agenda, Minutes for the June 12, 2018 and June 29, 2018 and the June 2018 financials. David Owens request that the minutes be amended to reflect a few changes which were made to the first SPLOST list was presented to Council at the May meeting. Corrections have been made and attached as amended minutes. Bob Roche seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance & Budget – No updates
- Charter & Long-Range Planning – Chairman Ashlee Godfrey and David Owens met and

are in the process of reviewing the current charter. Plans are to continue reviewing and obtain council from GMA as the wording for the update of the charter.

- Annexations – Bob Roche and Clyde Williams are in the process of compiling a list of local businesses who are not annexed into the city but the property where the business is located is within the city limits. As the project continues, more updates will be submitted. Our current City of Varnell website is out of date and it was discussed about getting an updated version in the works within the near future.
- Recreation & Community Outreach – Fireworks display, co-sponsored with Highland Forrest Home Owners Association went well.
- Public Safety - Clyde Williams & Chief Lyle Grant presented monthly public safety report (see attached) for the month of June 2018 (see attached).

Discussion was held regarding hours in which fireworks would be permissible. Attached is a summary of the Georgia fireworks law which describes what is permissible as to age limit, when & where you can light them, etc., as stated in GA General Assembly House Bill 727.

An annexation request was made to annex property of Emilia Sandoval, Parcel # 11-263-01-203. Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to approve the annexation with David Owens seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lyle Grant was presented a medal of honor for completion of FBI Leadership Course by Mayor Dickson. .

Senator Chuck Payne visited the Council meeting to make the public aware that he would be available at any time and only a phone call away should any citizen within his jurisdiction need his assistance.

Mayor Dickson stated that he has been elected to serve on the GMA Legislative Policy Committee for the upcoming year.

There being no further business, Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. A second was given by Clyde Williams and the vote was unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk