

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2017**

Council Members Present: Mayor Anthony Hulseley, Jan Pourquoi, Andrea Gordy & Ashlee Godfrey

City Manager: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

Absent: David Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem

The City Council meeting was called to order at 8:08 am and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Anthony Hulseley.

City Attorney, Terry Miller gave an opening statement regarding the purpose of the Special Called Meeting to which was the current suspension of Chief Lyle Grant.

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey and seconded by Andrea Gordy to go into Executive Session.

Upon returning, Mayor Hulseley stated that the suspension with Chief Lyle Grant has ended and he will be to return back to work immediately.

Jan Pourquoi ask permission to speak. He then proceeded to make a motion to dissolve the Varnell Police Department stating that the city was already paying for Police protection from Whitfield County Sheriff's office. Mr. Pourquoi stated that he had spoken with Sheriff Scott Chitwood who stated it would cost the City of Varnell \$50,000.00 per year to have one dedicated officer appointed to City of Varnell. A second to the motion was made by Andrea Gordy. The vote was – 1 – nay vote, Ashlee Godfrey and 3 – yea votes, Jan Pourquoi, Andrea Gordy and David Owens, who cast his vote via phone during the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey to adjourn the meeting, with Andrea Gordy seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk