

VARNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday October 30, 2023, 7:00pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nathaniel “Nat’ A. Shaffer officials present Mayor Pro-Temp Henry Campbell, Councilman Nick Ginn, Councilman Joseph Williams, Councilman Ronald Williams, Councilwoman Linda Cooler, and Councilwoman Faye Gooding.

Others – Fire Department – Wade Hadwin, Clerk Shannon Shaffer

1.1 Invocation – Councilman Joseph Williams

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Nathaniel A, Shaffer

1.2 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – Shannon Shaffer- Clerk

2. Consent Agenda Items

2.2 Approval of Agenda – No Objections

2.2. Approval of Minutes (9/12/2023) – No Objections / Approved

3. Reports of Department Heads

3.1 Police Department- No reports currently.

3.2 Fire Department – No reports currently.

4. Public Hearing

4.1 No public hearing was held at this meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 **Second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 Setting the filing period for the November 2023 Municipal Election.**

Motion was made by Councilman Nick Ginn and seconded by Councilman Joseph Williams to pass Ordinance 2023-05 setting the filing period for the November 2023 Municipal Election. All in favor.

5.2 Mayor Shaffer discussed/reviewed Budget Report and, in that discussion, referred to Varnville's Down Home Christmas celebration's cost and management for the year 2022. Mayor Shaffer inquired if any council members would be interested in hosting a 2nd Annual Downhome Christmas celebration if costs could be reduced significantly, through donations and cutting back on entertainment costs. All were in favor of hosting a 2nd Annual event under these circumstances. Further discussion will take place once Amy Priest has produced more information on the event details.

6. New Business

6.1 Ordinance #2023- 06 amending Town Code concerning regular council meeting dates.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell and seconded by councilman Ginn to adopt Ordinance 2023-06. All in favor.

6.2 Resolution #2023-07 2024 Council Meeting Calander

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cooler and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell to adopt the new Meeting Calendar. All in favor. Council will now meet on meeting on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in the year 2024.

6.3 Discussion and possible action on ARP funds.

Mayor Shaffer reported to the council that the ARP fund balance is approximately \$76,761.00. Mayor Shaffer also reiterated the possibility of allocating funds from ARP to be used for recreational purposes. No action was taken at this time.

7. Executive Session

7.1 Section 30-4-70(a) (1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body in Police and Administrative departments.

Motion was made by Mayor Nathaniel Shaffer and seconded by Mayor Pro- Tem Campbell to enter executive session with no objections. Without any objections, Councilman Ginn motioned, and Councilman Faye H. Ronald Williams seconded exit of executive session.

Adjournment- With no objections, Mayor Shaffer adjourned the council meeting at 8:48pm. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 14th, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Shaffer

Admin. Assistant / Clerk