VARNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Nathaniel “Nat” Shaffer.

**Officials present ;** Mayor Pro – Tem Henry A. Campbell, Councilman Ronald Williams, Councilman Faye Gooding, Councilman Jospeh Williams, Councilwoman Linda Cooler.

**Others-** Police Chief Smith, Dorris Sheffield

1.1 Invocation – Councilman Jospeh Williams

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Nathaniel Shaffer

1.3 Freedom of Information Act (**FOIA**) Compliance – Clerk Shannon Shaffer

1. **Consent Agenda Items –**

2.1 Approval of Agenda – No objections / Approved

2.2 Approval of Minutes – 5-17-24- No Objections / Approved

Minutes from 5/14/24 will need to be approved at the council meeting on 7/9/24.

Motion made by Councilwoman Linda Cooler and seconded by Councilman Alexander Campbell to approve Minutes for 5/17/24 and review Minutes for 5/14/24 for approval at the next meeting.

All were in favor.

1. **Reports of Department Heads**

3.1 Mayor Shaffer reported on behalf of the Fire Chief who was unable to be in attendance. He reported that the Varnville Fire department had thirty-seven town calls and twenty-five county calls.

Mayor Shaffer also reported that in contractional negotiations with S&S Disposal a lower annual contract increases of 3.4% adjusted to the CPI, and a guarantee that residential garbage service will occur on a precise scheduled basis was agreed upon.

3.2 Chief Smith reported that the Police Department has hired two officers. They are all preparing for the Watermelon Festival. Chief Smith also reported the department has made a significant increase in traffic stops and that he is pleased with all Varnville Police Department officers’ performance.

The town will plan to take part in “Night Out” in August as a way for the community to meet town officers.

**4. Old Business-** No old business at this meeting.

**5. New Business**

5.1 **Resolution #2024 – 02** : PEBA – SC Retirement Systems and State Health Plan-A

Resolution to give eligibility to council members to receive retirement benefits through their employment on Town Council.

Motioned made by Mayor Shaffer and seconded by Councilman Ronald Williams.

5.2 **Resolution #2024-03** : Engagement of Audit Services- A resolution to submit an audit report by using Brimingham Group’s services. Motioned by Councilman Joseph Willaims and Seconded by Alexander Campbell

5.3 **Resolution #2024-04**: Continuing resolution operations for 2024-2025 Fiscal year.

A resolution to use the 2024-2024 budget numbers until proper budget can be prepared for upcoming 2024-2025 operating budget.

Motion made by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Cooler. All were in favor.

5.4 **Appointing of Planning Commission** – Keith Hiers. Mr. Hiers submitted a Bio to the Council. Councilwoman Faye Gooding motioned to appoint Keith Hiers to the

Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Ronald Williams . All we in favor.

5.5 The Town of Varnville Flood and Prevention Ordinance will be updated once we receive more information about language required for this ordinance.

**6. Executive Session**

Motion was made by Henry Campbell and seconded by Faye Gooding to enter executive session.

Metting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon Shaffer

Admin. Assistant/ Clerk