VARNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10th , 2024

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm 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. Councilman Nicholas Ginn,

**Others-** Police Chief Smith, Chris Inglese, Maggie Knox, Kenny Boyer, Shari Nichols

1.1 Invocation – Mayor Nathaniel Shaffer

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 – Agenda amended. Approved with no objections

2.2 Approval of Minutes – 8/13/24- and 09/03/24 Approved. All were in favor.

1. **Reports of Department Heads**

3.1 Chief Smith reported that last year there were a lot of phentynol use reports on Pepper Street. After these complaints were made Chief Smith met with members of DEA, SLED, and Jasper County Sheriff Department Narcotics Division and establish a partnership with a memorandum to work together. Several arrests have been made due to this arrangement.

3.2Mayor Shaffer reported that LCRW System has several Tech positions open. Mayor Shaffer presented the council with an application from Mrs. Lynette Harley to join our Planning Commission as well as the Election Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Nick Ginn and seconded by Council member Ronald Williams. All were in favor.

3.3 Chris Ingles presented the council with up-to-date information about plans to utilize Wade Hampton High School property once the new high school is finished with construction. He also shared an update about plans and a location for MalsPalz animal shelter.

1. **Old Business-**

**Second Reading of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**:

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

**5. New Business**

5.1 Mayor Shaffer presented the council with an update on CDBG Loan fund activity and ARP fund activity.

5.2 Mayor Shaffer asked for Authorization from the council to utilize up to $27,000 for the potential purchase of a Forklift/ Lull Basket as per our bond referendum. Motion was made by Jospeh Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Cooler. All were in favor.

**6. Executive Session**

No executive session at this meeting.

Metting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon Shaffer

Admin. Assistant/ Clerk