VARNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7:00pm

Market Square – 45 Carolina Ave. West

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 Nick Ginn, Councilwoman Faye Gooding, Councilman Jospeh Williams, Councilwoman Linda Cooler.

1.1 Invocation – Councilman 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 – No objections / Approved

2.2 Approval of Minutes – 4/8/ 2025 No Objections / Approved

1. **Reports of Department Heads**

3.1Tamara Mixson-Suggs presented three complaints to the council:

* Inconsistent trash pickup by S & S Disposal.
* Unkempt trees on her property line, claiming the town should maintain them.
* Noise from a dog near the general service department at Town Hall.

Mayor Shaffer and Council members addressed all complaints.

1. **Public Hearing – Dr. H.J. Brooks Park Improvements Grant – Project Amendment**

* 4.1 Many citizens in attendance expressed their desire to retain the basketball court at Dr. H.J. Brooks Park and refurbish the current court instead of creating a new one. Many agreed to abandon creating a walking path but keep the ADA playground equipment and pavilion. Tiffany Dantzler from LCOG explained that the federal grant was awarded because of the Handicapped Accessible playground equipment, and without it, the project would not have been funded. She briefly compared cost estimation with specific materials and explained her figures. Most attendees agreed on the necessary amendments for the grant project.

**5. Old Business**

5.1 Action on Project Amendment of Dr. H.J. Brooks Park Grant.

The council agreed to an overall project amendment by retaining the basketball court and deleting the walking trail or seeking other funding for the walking trail in a different phase of the project. Tiffany Dantzler agreed to prepare the amendment and seek permission from the Department of Commerce.

5.2 2nd Reading of Ordinance to Sale Real Property (TM # 136-00-00-190) (TM# 136-00-00-219) @ Cardinal Road.

5.3 Animal Control Ordinance

**6. New Business**

6.1 Memorandum of Understanding with Lowcountry Council of Governments in the Comprehensive Plan Schedule and task. Councilman Henry Campbell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Nick Ginn and all were in favor of awarding LCOG the bid to develop the Comprehensive plan.

6.2 Consideration of appointing Allanah Dobson to Municipal Election Commission Councilwoman Faye Gooding motioned, and Councilman Nick Ginn seconded with all in favor.

**7. Executive Session**

7.1 There were no Executive session matters to act on. However, the council did enter a session to receive information on a personnel matter inside the General Services Dept.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon Shaffer

Admin. Assistant/ Clerk