



**City of Varnell
Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2020**

Members Present: Mayor, Tom Dickson
Council Members: Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard Lowe, Clyde Williams,
Sandy Pangle
Members Absent: Ashlee Godfrey

City Administrator: Mike Brown
Assistant Clerk: Jamie Nance

EXECUTIVE DUTIES

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Tom Dickson. Mayor Tom Dickson welcomed those in attendance for the meeting. Mayor Dickson explained the Council was meeting to add the Joint Resolution between Whitfield County and all the Municipalities within. The resolution was passed by Whitfield County and Dalton City earlier during the day.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Mayor read over the Joint Resolution and touched base on the key topics. See attached resolution. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Clyde Williams, seconded by Councilman Bill Caylor and was voted all in favor.

Mayor Dickson discussed a few key topics of the Governor's Executive Order that was televised at 5 p.m. on 3/23/20.

Mayor Dickson made the announcement that the Council had narrowed the search down for the Chief's Position and will be conducting interviews in the next few weeks.

The Mayor then requested the Council to make a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Motion was made by Councilman Clyde Williams and was Seconded by Councilman Sandy Pangle. The Council Adjourned into the executive session at 6:30.

Mayor Dickson called the Council meeting back to order at 6:40pm.

The Mayor announced the Council had narrowed the applications for the Chief Position down to four candidates, and he will notify the four candidates. The process to hire a new Chief will slow down due to the current State of Emergency.

The Mayor discussed the webinar he had attended earlier during the day. He touched base on statistics that would impact the State of Georgia if precautions were not taken now.

Mayor Dickson discussed the possibility of having to complete the next Council meeting in a teleconference. For any public that wishes to attend the chairs will be set at least 6 feet apart to keep everyone at less risk. The Council was also requested that if they would like to call in a teleconference meeting, they are required to notify him in advance to be able to make those arrangements. It was also noted that in a State of Emergency the Council are permitted to place votes in a teleconference manner.

Mayor Dickson then requested if anyone in the audience had any questions.

There being no further comments, Clyde Williams made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bill Caylor. Motion carried unanimously at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jamie Nance
Assistant Clerk