



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020**

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

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

Absent: Ashley Godfrey

EXECUTIVE DUTIES

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Tom Dickson. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Bill Caylor. Mayor Tom Dickson welcomed those watching via Zoom teleconference, which is a remote meeting open to the public.

Mayor Dickson advised that all staff began regular work schedule starting Monday, April 27, 2020 and will maintain the 6-foot distance rule that was put in place earlier this year by Governor Kemp due to Covid 19.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Bill Caylor to approve the financials for March 17, 2020, March 23rd, 2020 and also minutes for April 1, 2020. A motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Finance and Budget report from Bill Caylor – still maintaining within budget despite the slow down Due to the Covid 19.
- Public Safety Committee report was presented by Clyde Williams, (see attached)

- Recreation and Outreach Committee – Due to the widespread virus, once the recreation department is open back up to the public, extra precaution will need to be taken to do extra cleaning in areas that might not have been cleaned in a while.

An amendment was made to the minutes of March 17, 2020 regarding seconding the annexation motion. The original motion was made by Ashley Godfrey and seconded by Clyde Williams. Corrections were made to the minutes.

Sandy Pangle mentioned the fact that we have yet to be contacted by City of Cohutta or Highland Forest Homeowners regarding the 4th of July fireworks display. We will be contacting them in the next few days regarding the status of co-hosting with this group.

Bill Caylor made a motion to pay extra hazardous duty pay to all part time and full-time officers. Full time officers will receive an extra \$100 per pay period and \$50 per pay period. This will transpire the remaining part of April and May. The situation will be re accessed towards the end of May regarding moving forward with this plan of action. The motion was seconded by Sandy Pangle and carried unanimously.

Bill Caylor made mention that Varnell Police Department has been assisting in delivering an average of 35 breakfast/lunch meals to children in the community.

There being no further comments, Bill Caylor made a motion to adjourn with a second from Richard Lowe. Motion carried unanimously at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Garrison
City Clerk