



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 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

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. City Administrator, Mike Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Dickson advised that the Mayor and Council have been going through an interviewing process for the position of Chief of Police. The applicants were narrowed down to 4. After consideration, 3 of the applicants have withdrawn from the position. This leaves one applicant. The announcement of the new Chief of Police will be made on June 4th at a Special Called meeting which will be held at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Councilman Clyde Williams to approve the financials for April, 2020 and minutes for April 21, 2020, May 4, 2020, and May 11, 2020. A motion was seconded by Councilman Sandy Pangle and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Finance and Budget report from Councilman Bill Caylor – Finances remain within budget despite the slowdown with Municipal Court.
- Public Safety Committee report was presented by Councilman Clyde Williams, (see attached)
- Recreation and Outreach Committee – Due to Covid-19, the Recreation Department will remain closed until further notice. The Farmer’s Market will open for the season on June 1ST,2020
- Representatives from the Highland Forrest Homeowner’s Association were present for the meeting to discuss co-sponsoring the fireworks for the 4th of July festivities at a shared cost of \$5000.00. The City cost will be \$2,500.00. There may be new rules and guidelines put in place this year from the State. However, no new rules have been set so far.
- The Community Center will immediately open back up for activities and rentals. The use of the building will be limited to one event every other day in between rentals to sanitize the building. After consideration, it was decided by Mayor and Council that the Recreation Department will remain closed at this time which will include the gym and all city owned playgrounds as well as the outdoor basketball courts. Councilman Richard Lowe made a motion to wait until better directions and rulings are made by the Governor. Councilman Bill Caylor seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mayor Dickson advised that Councilman Richard Lowe would be reviewing all current job descriptions and make any recommendations to the Mayor and Council of his findings.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Garrison
City Clerk