



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021**

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

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Reverend Keith James of Little Prospect Baptist Church. Councilman Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

The agenda for the October meeting was amended to handle item # 14 & 15-de-annexation of Parcels 11-277-14-000 & 11-277-15-000, as the first two items of new business. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the amended agenda, financial reports for September 2021 and minutes for the September 21, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lowe and was carried unanimously.

New Business

A motion was made by Councilman Williams to approve the de-annexation of parcel 11-277-14-000, seconded by Councilman Pangle, the vote was carried 4-0, with Councilman Roche abstaining.

Parcel 11-277-15-000 was brought to a vote for de-annexation, the motion to approve the de-annexation was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried by a 5-0 vote.

The recently appointed Whitfield County Administrator Robert Sivick introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Sivick stated he was looking forward to a good working relationship with Varnell and all the other municipalities.

Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points for September 2021. No other reports were submitted.

Ordinance 10-21 was presented to the Mayor and Council. The ordinance will increase insurers license Franchise fee that is currently twenty-five dollars annually to forty dollars annually in 2022. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the first reading of the 2022 proposed budget was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously. Councilman Williams stated he would like to see the employee raises increase from 3% to 5-5 ½% and would also like to see a new maintenance building. Mayor Dickson stated that we would run the numbers for the increase in the raises and review it next month. He also

reminded Councilman Williams that a new maintenance building is in the budget for SPLOST funds and that we can go ahead and get started on planning.

Budget amendment in the amount of \$10,699.38 for the Care funds was brought before the Mayor and Council. Mayor Dickson requested that the Council table the amendment until the next Council meeting, he believed the amounts may be incorrect. Motion to table the budget amendment for the Cares funds until the next meeting was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously.

Another budget amendment in the total amount of \$5,058.00 to the Sewage fund was brought before the Mayor and Council. A motion to approve the amendment of \$ 2,819.00 to professional services and \$ 2,239.00 for Capital Outlay was made by Councilman Williams and Seconded by Councilman Roche, the vote was carried unanimously.

Mayor Dickson realized the numbers of the Cares amendment was correct and asked for the amendment to be taken off the table. Councilman Williams made the motion to untable the Cares Fund amendment, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the budget amendment for the \$10, 699.38 to the Cares Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously.

Public Comment

County Administrator offered their newly hired employee Carol Roberts to come and help the city with any questions we may have about the ARP Grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Caylor stated he talked to Mr. Ridley at the last farmers market, and he stated that he would like to see a flagpole installed at the Varnell Pavilion.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Williams, with Councilman Roche seconding the motion and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk