



City of Varnell Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 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 Dickson. The invocation was given by Chris Taylor with Beacon Baptist Church. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Dickson presented an amendment to the agenda that Mayor and Council go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Williams to approve the agenda, financial reports for September 2020 and minutes for the September 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and was carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor at 6:03pm to dismiss into executive session and seconded by Councilman Lowe. Mayor Dickson called the meeting back in session at 6:14pm. A motion to nominate Jamie Nance to the unfulfilled term of City Clerk and Court clerk as of November 1, 2020 was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously.

New Business

Public Safety Committee report was presented by Councilman Williams (see attached). No other reports were submitted.

Jennifer Morrison with Edward D. Jones presented pension plans to the Mayor and Council. This will be reviewed by Mayor and Council at a later date.

The Mayor and Council approved the following expenditures:

Dalton Computer- 8 tough books	\$34,504.00
Watch Guard- Body & Car Cameras	\$55,200.00
Axon-Tasers	\$ 3,263.76 1 st year
Copier for office	\$ 4,337.00
VPD Vest	\$ 8,830.00
3 Laptops Computers	\$ 1,915.00
Fogging Machine	\$ 1,999.95
Back up batteries	\$ 942.00
Fuel for the state patrol	\$ 650.00

A motion was made by Councilman Williams and second by Councilman Lowe to approve the expenditures of these items and carried unanimously.

The first reading of the 2021 budget was read by Mayor Dickson. A motion was made to approve the first reading of the 2021 budget by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and second by Councilman Lowe, motion carried unanimously.

The 2019 Year end audit report was presented to the Mayor and Council. The issues noted in the report have been corrected.

The following amendments of the 2020 budget were made. A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously.

Maintenance Solid Waste	\$10,500.00
Rent Income Post Office	\$1440.00 or \$480.00 monthly for x 3 months
Post Office Payment	\$1250.00 pr \$416.66 monthly for x 3 months
Revenue: CARE FUNDS	\$111,971.70

A motion was made Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Caylor and carried unanimously to approve the annexation the two following parcels into the City of Varnell.

Tsodora Aguilar – 113 Chisolm Trail - Parcel #11-263-01-183
Jessica Torrones – 126 Santa Fe Trail - Parcel #11-263-01-022

Mayor Dickson opened the floor for public comment. One city resident in attendance commended the City of Varnell Mayor & Council for considering employee benefits and the hard decisions they must make in their positions.

Mayor Dickson recognized City Clerk, Pam Garrison for all her hard work and dedication to the City. Ms. Garrison will be leaving the city after 12 years of service.

There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Williams to adjourn with Councilman Caylor seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk