



**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 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 Steve French of the Healing Center Church. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the presented agenda, financial reports for November 2021, and minutes for the November 16, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and was carried unanimously.

**New Business**

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

JT and Sharon Foster presented the Mayor and Council with this year's donations from the Secret Santa for the Community Christmas Project. The donations totaled \$11,100.00 and was given to the Principal Paula Wheeler, Assistant Principal Jennifer Thurman, and Counselor Keri Blackwell, of Varnell Elementary.

Annexation of parcel 11-263-01-179, 114 Santa Fe Trail was approved on the contingency that Whitfield County Board of Commissioners approve the annexation in their December 2021 meeting. The motion for a conditional approval was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

John McKnight with the Piedmont Development that will be located off of Ruby Drive made a few announcements to the Mayor and Council. The funding to be able to start in January was not approved by DCA and they will be reapplying in May of 2022. The units will still be rental units but will change to a non-age restricted housing development and will increase to a possibility of 72 units. Another 1.33 Acres will be purchased and will soon go through the zoning process to be able to develop it.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the Ordinance 11-21, Distilled Spirits Package sales was held. An amendment to strike the language of section 5.36 Failure to Open and insert reserved. The correct language will come from the City Attorney Miller. The approval of Ordinance 2021-12 as amended was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance for the use of Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) on City Roadways was presented to the Mayor and Council. After much discussion it was decided that the best route would be to table the Ordinance until the Next Meeting. The Ordinance will be placed on the January 2022 agenda. Motion to table was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously by a 5-0 Vote.

A Motion to approve 2022 Alcohol License for Food Lion, Anejo, and Quick Stop 2 was made Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve continual hazard pay for employees for 3 more months was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Hazard pay will be supplemented with the remaining amount of the Cares Fund and will expire at the end of March 2022.

Councilman Williams requested to employee Christmas bonus of \$100.00 be reinstated. A budget amendment of up to \$2000.00 will be set into place for three different Accounts, Administration, Police Department and Maintenance Salaries and Wages. The motion for approval was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Lowe, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

## **Public Comment**

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Williams, with Mayor Pro Tem Caylor seconding the motion and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jamie Nance  
City Clerk