

**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2019**

**Members Present:** Mayor – Tom Dickson  
**Council Members:** Mayor Pro Tem – Ashlee Godfrey, Bill Caylor,  
Bob Roche, Clyde Williams

**City Administrator:** Mike Brown  
**City Clerk:** Pam Garrison  
**Absent:** David Owens

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor, Tom Dickson.

Invocation was given by Reverend James Brownlee with Christ Reformed Baptist Church. The Pledge to the Flag was led by local Girl Scout, Lily Hedden, Troop #14660.

**Reports from City Administrator**

City Administrator Mike Brown gave update on the following projects:

- City of Varnell sold the used Garbage truck through Gov Deals to Trinity Disposal for \$63,501.00.
- The City of Varnell Website has now been completed with the new format. If changes need to be made please advise City Manager, Mike Brown.
- Letters were mailed out requesting donations to the Varnell Cemetary Fund last week.
- SPLOST will be voted on March 19, 2019. Early voting begins February 25, 2019 at Whitfield County Courthouse.
- The gym floors at the Varnell City gym will be refinished within a couple of weeks after basketball season is over. Whitfield County will contribute \$500.00 to cost of refinishing.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Dickson reminded all Council members that a Financial Disclosure Report is due to be completed and turned in before the deadline of June 30, 2019. The GMA Annual conference will be coming up in June. Mayor Tom Dickson discussed the playground grant of \$50,000.00. A sealed bid to complete the project will be taken. The City of Varnell will be responsible to pay the entire grant amount and when project completed, the City of Varnell will then be reimbursed for half of the cost which will be \$25,000.00. The City will be given 2 years to complete the project. The Mayor reminded members the Councilman Owens has just had surgery and will be recuperating for a period now.

## **AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey to approve the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report for January, 2019. The motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance & Budget – No report
- Bob Roche advised that additional research is currently being done before the letters will be sent to property owners of several businesses in unincorporated islands.
- Recreation and Public Outreach – No report.
- Charter & Long-Range Planning – No report
- Clyde Williams & Chief Lyle Grant presented the monthly public safety report for the month of January 2019.

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey for budget amendments which will add \$5,000.00 to Administration Professional Services with the motion seconded by Clyde Williams and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a parcel for possible rezoning from C-1 to C-2. The property is currently owned by Greg Sutton. Mr. Sutton is researching the possibility of adding self-storage units to the property to the west of the plaza where Sutton's Pharmacy is located. After several comments from Mr. Sutton and concerned citizens in the audience, Bill Caylor made a motion to approve the rezoning from C-1 to C-2, with Ashlee Godfrey seconded the motion. The vote was 2 aye and 2 no. Mayor Tom Dickson voted as a tie breaker, aye and the motion carried. The votes were as follows:

Ashlee Godfrey – yea	Clyde Williams - nay
Bill Caylor – yea	Bob Roche - nay
Tom Dickson – yea	

Ethan Calhoun presented a Unified text amendment. Bob Roche made a motion to allow boutique hotels and Brew Pub as part of the Unified Text amendment. The motion was seconded by Ashlee Godfrey and the motion carried unanimously.

Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to adopt the attach resolution pertaining to modify the payment schedule. The motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and the motion was carried unanimously.

There being no public comment, Clyde William made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bill Caylor.

Respectfully submitted by  
Pam Garrison  
City Clerk