

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019**

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem, Ashley Godfrey
Council Members: Bill Caylor, Bob Roche,
Clyde Williams, David Owens

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison
Absent: Mayor – Tom Dickson

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Pro Tem, Ashlee Godfrey.

Invocation was given by Councilman Bill Caylor. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Beau Jackson, Pack #65.

REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Mike Brown gave update on the following projects:

- Farmers Market will open for the 2019 season on June 1, 2019 and will go through September 28, 2019. Days of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm.
- Playground equipment has been ordered and set to be installed on June 10, 2019.
- Audit is almost complete and scheduled to be finished by June 18, 2019.
- Whitfield Count Public Works recently striped the parking lot, road at the Varnell City Gym and around the school area.
- Varnell City Hall Administrative offices will be closed May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.

AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Bill Caylor to approve the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report for April, 2019 and The motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Clyde Williams presented the monthly public safety report for the month of April 2019, (see attached).

Mr. Mike Govus, Assistant Traffic Engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation gave a presentation for

Regarding the proposed City of Varnell SR 2 @ SR 201 Roundabout. Discussion was presented on how the flow of traffic would be, why a roundabout instead of a traffic signal and a diagram of how the layout would be at the intersection.

Ethan Calhoun was present at the meeting to discuss the rezoning of the property owned by Vineyard Construction located at SR 201 and New Hope Road. He stated that there was a staff analysis made on said property and the staff was in favor of rezoning the property from R-2 to R-7. The specified site area would be the only parcel of property to be rezoned. Per Mr. Billy Vineyard, property owner, the plan is to build upscale townhouses and apartments. With the additional developments to this area, it would require a retainage pond with the addition of seven separate driveways. The rezoning of this property can also have special conditions added to the rezoning statement as well as requiring possible buffers up to the existing properties.

A motion was made by Clyde Williams to table the discussion until we get with City Attorney, Terry Miller to put into plans the stipulations set for this property. Mr. Calhoun will send the recommendations to Terry Miller.

There being no further discussion, Bill Caylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk