

**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019**

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

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor, Tom Dickson.

Invocation was given by Reverend Chris Branscomb with Varnell United Methodist Church. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Pro-Tem, Ashlee Godfrey.

Mayor Tom Dickson expressed appreciation on behalf of the Mayor and City Council for all the hard work that went into making the 2019 Community Christmas a success. Personally, recognizing Varnell United Methodist Church, Wizard Technology, City of Varnell and Varnell Elementary School for all their help.

Swearing in Ceremony of new Council Persons will be on January 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Formal swearing in ceremony will be January 21, 2020 at our January council meeting.

Brief discussion was presented regarding re-allocation of funds for SPLOST. Service Delivery mediation is set for January 7, 2020 at 9:30 at the Trade Center. All council members are asked to attend.

Reports from City Administrator

City Administrator Mike Brown gave update on the following projects:

- Secret Santa came through again this year with a donation of \$10,000.00, the Car Show proceeds and donations, total received was \$14,300.00. The Varnell Community, as a total group, fed BBQ meal to 100+ people which included 32 families, provided Christmas for 72 kids.
- No Parking signs have been installed on Village Drive and side streets.
- Whitfield County Road Department paved 3 county roads off Ruby Drive with LIMG funds received from the State.
- Staff Christmas luncheon will 12/18/19 at 12 noon.
- City Hall will be closed December 24th and December 25th for the holiday.
- City Hall will also be closed January 1, 2020 in observance of bringing in the new year and will re-open on January 2, 2020 for regular business hours.

AGENDA, MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by David Owens to approve the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report for November, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ashlee Godfrey. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance & Budget – Ashlee Godfrey reported that the Finances and Budget are just a bit off due to property taxes coming in slower than normal but will all balance out by end of year.
- No reports presented by Bob Roche for Annexation, Recreation or Charter/Long Range Planning
- Clyde Williams & Chief Lyle Grant presented the monthly public safety report for the month of November 2019.

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey and seconded by Clyde Williams to approve the following Alcohol licenses: for 2020 and the motion carried unanimously.

Smoke Shop
Circle K
Nob North Golf Course
Butcher's Market
Varnell Market.

Mayor Dickson presented the updated SPLOST project list. Listed on the project list was Quality of Life and Administrative as separate line items but after discussion, it was decided to combine with a total on this line item to be \$425,550.00. Bob Roche voted to the amended project list total. Bill Caylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Plaques were presented to outgoing council members, Bob Roche and David Owens, for appreciation of their dedicated service as a council member.

There being no public comment, Bob Roche a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bill Caylor.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk