



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 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
Absent: Ashlee Godfrey

WORK SESSION

REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Mike Brown gave an update on the following projects:

- The City website is operational once again.
- The City Stormwater annual report has been filed with EPD. It Will not be due again until February 2021.
- The Annual Convention will be held in Savannah, Georgia this year from 6/26 through 6/30/20.
- Dalton/Whitfield Regional Library offered their thanks for the \$3,000 donation given to them by the City of Varnell.
- GMA will conduct a review on the City Liability Insurance on March 23,2020
- EPD has renewed our Nob North sewer system permit until December 31, 2025
- Whitfield County replaced lighting in the City gym with LEDs. The cost will be divided between the City of Varnell and Whitfield County
- Donations for 2020 of \$700.00 have currently been received to be used for Cemetery fund upkeep.

EXECUTIVE DUTIES

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Tom Dickson. The invocation was given by Reverend Keith James, Pastor of Little Prospect Baptist Church. The Pledge to the flag was led by girl scout, Navaeh Robertson.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Clyde Williams to amend the agenda to include a Resolution Supporting Legislation for the GA Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act. Also added to the agenda was a discussion on a Police Department certification. Motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clyde Williams to approve the financials for January 2020 and minutes for January 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee report was presented by Clyde Williams, (see attached)
No other committee reports presented.

Mayor Dickson presented three budget amendments which are listed below:

- VPD Capital Equipment – 2018 Police car - \$29,500.00. Motion was made by Bill Caylor and seconded by Clyde Williams to approve the addition of \$29,500.00 the purchase of the 2018 Police Car. Motion carried unanimously.
- VPD Police Wages - \$15,000.00 additional wages to total out at \$237,614.00. Motion was made by Clyde Williams and seconded by Bill Caylor. Motion carried unanimously.
- Judicial - \$1,300.00 for attorney fees used for indigent funds. \$15,720.00 + 1,300.00 to total out at \$17,020.00. The motion was made by Clyde Williams to designate these funds as is required by law in the State of Georgia. Sandy Pangle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held and a motion was made by Bill Caylor to adopt the Resolution for GA Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act. The motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Fraternal Order of Police Benefits for the Police Department members. The topic was tabled until the City March Council meeting.

Discussion was held on a document entitled “Varnell City Council Guiding Principles”. Sandy Pangle made a motion to adopt the guidelines for the City Council. Bill Caylor seconded the motion and the Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further comments, Clyde Williams made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bill Caylor. Motion carried unanimously at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Garrison
City Clerk