



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020**

Members Present: Mayor, Tom Dickson
Council Members: Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Richard Lowe, Clyde Williams
Absent: Sandy Pangle

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison

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 Pastor Charlie Bridges, Grove Level Baptist Church. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Dickson stated that he attended an outdoor concert by “Spatial Effects” which was held in the parking lot of Tunnel Hill First Baptist Church recently. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Caylor made a motion to host concerts soon with this band. Councilman Clyde Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, Bill Caylor to approve the financials for July 2020 and minutes for July 28, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clyde Williams was carried unanimously.

New Business

Public Safety Committee report was presented by Councilman Clyde Williams (see attached). Chief Kyle Moreno has applied for a federal grant to pay a portion of new police officer vest. Councilman Clyde Williams made a motion to purchase the vest at a cost of \$8,775.00. Councilman Richard Lowe seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding Ordinance 2020-08-C was noted as an amending the Unified Zoning ordinance. The amending of the ordinance was necessary to be protective of the health, welfare, and safety of the public. The new definitions in Article II has had the wording changed alphabetically and the amended wording is listed on Resolution 08-20-C regarding the changes (see attached). A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Caylor and seconded by Councilman Clyde Williams to approve the amended ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2020 Property Tax Digest and 5-year history of Levy was presented to the Council. The mileage rate will

change from 2.4040 to 2.3520. A motion was made by Councilman Clyde Williams to change the rate and seconded by Councilman Richard Lowe. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 08-20 authorizes Mayor Dickson and City Administrator, Mike Brown to function as the authorized contacts for the Georgia Cares grant. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Caylor made a motion to approve this authorization with Councilman Clyde Williams seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 08-20B was tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Ralph Morgan has offered to sell the Varnell Post Office to the City of Varnell. Mr. Morgan is willing to finance the purchase of the building with no interest for 20 years. The conditional agreement is the U S Post Office signs a 20-year lease. Councilman Clyde Williams made a motion to purchase the two lots that includes the U S Post Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richard Lowe and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Clyde Williams made a motion for meeting to adjourn with a second by Councilman Richard Lowe. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk