



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor, Tom Dickson
Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem,
Clyde Williams, Bob Roche,
Sandy Pangle

Members Absent: Richard Lowe

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

Oath of Office

Judge Allen Hammontree administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Dickson, Councilman Roche and Councilman Caylor.

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Reverend Darey Kittle of Salem Baptist Church. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance. Candidate Charles D. Lutin is running for the Georgia 14th Congressional District. The Mayor is welcoming all other Candidates to come to the City council meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the presented agenda, financial reports for December 2021, and minutes for the December 14, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and was carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

New Business

The motion to approve Councilman Caylor as the appointed Mayor Pro Tem was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously.

The Council reappointed City Officers as whole, motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. The reappointments are as follows: Mike Brown- City Administrator, Terry Miller- City Attorney, Allen Hammontree- Municipal Judge, Bryan Rayburn- Municipal Solicitor, Jamie Nance- City/Court Clerk, Kyle Moreno- Chief of Police

Councilman Pangle made an announcement concerning the Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that himself and Councilman Roche looked over the recreational area and discussed some major safety concerns that would need to be addressed and they would also love to have input for the public on future renovations of the ballfields. Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points for December 2021.

Amendments for the 2021 budget were approved, motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. The amendments are as follows: Varnell Police Department- \$3,000.00, Sewage-\$2,000.00, Cemetery- \$275.00, SPLOST- \$1200.10

2022 Budget amendment for \$3,000 was approved for the Judicial Wages account. The motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

A House bill provided to Mayor and Council by Attorney Miller for expansion of the Varnell Boundaries was approved to be presented to State Representative Ridley. The motion for approval was made by Councilman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pangle, carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

The 2nd and final reading of the Ordinance 01-22, Use of Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) on City Roadways was presented to the Mayor and Council. Motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and voted on by Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Caylor by a 3-0 Vote, Councilman Roche abstained from voting.

A Motion to approve 2022 Alcohol License for Varnell Store, El Sueno Mexican Restaurant, Harry's, Varnell Market and Peach Gas, LLC, was made Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Larry Harrison of Mulligan Drive wanted to express his gratitude and support for the Mayor and Council entertaining the idea of using ARP funds to help with the Sewer Hook-up.

Mr. Carl Hooper addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns of First Responders having a delayed response to his home on December 26th for a medical call for his wife. Mayor Dickson assured Mr. Hooper we would investigate this matter.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Williams, with Councilman Roche seconding the motion and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk