



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022**

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

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Reverend Larry Green, a local evangelist. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the presented agenda, financial reports for January 2022, and minutes for the January 18, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and was carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Pangle made an announcement concerning the Parks and Recreation Committee. He stated that himself and a few others looked over the recreational area and discussed some major safety concerns and the opportunity of how the large area could benefit those who use it in different ways. A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor was made for Councilman Pangle to research exercise stations for the walking track in the range of \$15,000-\$20,000.00, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points for January 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams to request Whitfield County's assistance in demoing the ballfields and buildings at the recreation department, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

An update was given by Mayor Dickson regarding the ARP Funds the final rule has allowed the City to be able to use the funds any wide range of ways. Mayor Dickson encouraged the Council to be thinking of ideas on how the money would be beneficial to the Community.

Premium Pay for all employees of the city was approved. The motion to pay full time employees a one-time payment of \$2500.00 and Part-time \$1,250.00 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Councilman Pangle discussed that he would like to see implementing a tenure program in the future for all the long-term employees.

Discussion on expansion of the playground located at the recreational area was made. Mayor Dickson stated that the equipment already installed was \$50,000.00. Councilman Williams expressed the interest in have equipment that was more suited for older children.

Mayor Dickson addressed the Council to be expecting they attend a called meeting soon to discuss the Recreational area and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Whitfield County School.

Mayor Dickson did address the public to assure them that the sewer line is one of our top priorities and the city is waiting until we can tie the existing houses into the line.

Public Comment

Mr. Carl Hooper addressed the Mayor and Council with apologies for his previous comments in the December Council meeting. Mr. Hooper wanted to stress to the Mayor and Council that the Police Department was not the cause of the emergency call being delayed and wanted to show appreciation for how fast they investigated 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 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk