



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
March 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 Executive Pastor Thomas Queen of Grove Level Baptist Church. Luke Phillip with the Boy Scouts led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Roche to amend the presented agenda moving the Presentation from Luke Phillip before the committee reports, to add an executive session and approve financial reports for February 2022, and minutes for the February 15, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and was carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The motion to close the meeting and go into executive session to discuss litigation matters was made at 6:04pm by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Williams, and was carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The executive session ended, and the meeting reconvened at 6:17pm.

New Business

Boy Scout Luke Phillip presented a presentation to the Mayor and Council for financial assistance with an Eagle Scout project to refinish the benches and the walking bridge at the Varnell Springs. The motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$3,500.00 was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

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

Budget amendments were presented to the Mayor and Council as a result of the premium pay and hazard pay issued to the employees. The motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$47,310.00 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The amendment will be pulled from the Cares Fund and the ARP fund accounts.

Annexation of Parcel # 11-263-01-160, 214 Cheyenne Trail, Michael Blair was approved. The motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

As suggested by the Auditors for liability purposes the Mayor and Council shall receive the Salary of \$1.00 per year. The motion to approve the annual salary was made Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion was had by the Mayor and Council about improvements to the track area and playground equipment. Two quotes for exercise equipment have been taken but we are currently waiting on two more before any further steps may be taken. The city has also received one quote so far on the Playground equipment and are still waiting the arrival of two other quotes. The Mayor and Council will review the bids when they are received and are being encouraged to prepare thoughts and questions before the next meeting.

Councilman Lowe requested that the city take more steps to improve and appearance of “downtown Varnell” (Main Street Area). Attorney Miller will be present at the next meeting to address what legal authority the City will have to be able to use enforcement on beautifying the area.

Councilman Caylor also requested the city look at receiving quotes on repaving and repairing the road around the Varnell Cemetery.

Public Comment

There being no further business a motion was made by public and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk