



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor, Tom Dickson
Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem,
Clyde Williams, Richard Lowe

Absent Members: Bob Roche, Sandy Pangle

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Pastor Neil Hasty of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Councilman Lowe led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

An amendment to the presented agenda was made to add number 16 regarding paving Cemetery Road. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor to approve the amended agenda, financial reports for April 2022, and minutes for the April 19, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

Introduction from Candidates

Several of the local Candidates attended the Council meeting to introduce themselves to the Mayor and Council and the public. Candidates in attendance were John Thomas for Whitfield County Board of Commissioners district 3, Doug Keener for the Georgia State Senate to represent District 54, Lee Coker for the Georgia House of Representatives to represent District 6 and Jason Ridley for the Georgia House of Representatives to represent District 6. All the above candidates are running in the May 24, 2022, Primary Election.

New Business

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

Mayor Dickson stated the Mayor and Council will wait to discuss the Recreation Report until the Recreation Committee arrived at the meeting.

Budget amendments to the Police Departments budget were presented to the Mayor and Council, \$6,000.00 to the Police Department's Gasoline and \$3,000.00 to the Police Department's Education and Travel. The motion for approval of the above budget amendments was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Budget amendment in the amount of \$9,000.00 to the ARP expenses for the purchase of 112 new trash carts was approved with the motion being made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

After discussion on the Tethering Ordinance the Mayor and Council agreed to table this matter until we can be sure if the city currently holds an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitfield County for Animal Control.

Annexation of Parcel # 11-263-01-167, 116 Santa Fe Trail, Silva Marie Trancito, was approved. The motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

Annexation of Parcel # 11-264-08-015, 3421 Discovery Lane, Manuel Gonzales, was approved. The motion was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

It was agreed upon by the Mayor and Council to table the discussion of paving Cemetery Road until a later date.

Public Comment

Mr. Harrison of Mulligan Drive addressed the Mayor and Council to tell, a new resident of Mulligan Drive was commending on how friendly the office staff of the City Hall was.

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk