



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022**

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

Absent Members:

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 Pastor of Northwestern Christian Fellowship, Michael Watkins. Mayor Pro Tem Caylor led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Roche to approve the presented agenda, financial reports for August 2022, and minutes for the August 16, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Executive Session

Councilman Williams made the motion at 6:06pm to dismiss the Mayor and Council into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Dickson reconvened the meeting at 6:21pm.

New Business

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

Councilman Pangle with the recreation committee stated that the exercise equipment is on schedule to be delivered and installed by the last week of October.

The demolition of Mr. Cole's house on Cedar Street was approved by the Mayor and Council, an asbestos check was completed and returned with no signs. Whitfield County has agreed to help assist with the cost and demolition of the house. The motion to complete and pay for the demolition from the ARP funds was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

A community project has been approved for helping a local resident with the removal of a dangerous tree on Village Drive. Councilman Williams made the motion for the City to fund this project from the ARP fund, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The first reading of the City of Varnell's 2023 budget was approved with a motion being made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion on Varnell City's 2nd distilled package sales license. The Mayor and Council decided it would be the best for the interest of the city to not fill the second license. The Council will reassess this in the future when the city grows.

Lt. Swilley called on a Mr. & Mrs. Ross to make a speech and help present Chief Moreno with a plaque honoring life savings actions he performed on July 17, 2022, for Mr. Ross.

Annexation of 4467 Cohutta Varnell Road, parcel number 11-152-14-000 was approved with the motion being made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Annexation of 118 Santa Fe Trail, parcel number 11-263-01-133 was approved with the motion being made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

After much discussion, Councilman Williams made a motion for the city to start the process to complete a Multiuse field, and event stage and a picnic area in the recreational park located beside the Varnell gym. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

Mrs. Caylor state she would like to see a nice picnic area for people to be able to use for birthday parties and their families.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk