



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

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

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 Reverend Bobby Sneed of Deep Springs Baptist Church. Mayor Dickson led the pledge of allegiance.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Caylor made the motion to adjourn into an executive session meeting at 6:07pm for consultation with City Attorney Miller on pending legal matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The Mayor and Council concluded the executive meeting at 7:02pm and resumed the regular meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the presented agenda by Councilman Roche, financial reports for October 2022, and minutes for the October 11, 2022, special called meeting and October 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points. Councilman Roche presented the Mayor and Council with the financial report reflecting the City's finances as of October 31, 2022. Councilman Pangle gave an update for the Recreational Committee, the playground is proposed to be here in February, it is currently on back order.

Ordinance 2022-11-15A, Whistleblower Protection Policy was discussed and a motion for an amendment to Section 6(b) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe, carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Motion for approval of the amended ordinance 2022-11-15A was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Lowe, and carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

Circle K, the Butchers Market and the Quick Stop 2 were approved for alcohol license for 2023. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made to remove the remaining balance of \$6,025.40 from the General Synovus account and close the account, by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the second half of the premium for the employees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, carried unanimously 5-0 vote.

The Mayor and Council approved the 2023 tax digest rate at 2.326. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation parcel number 11-264-02-006 & 11-264-02-011, 114 Linda Sue Drive was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Caylor made the motion to approve the annexation parcel number 11-263-01-136, Santa Fe Cir., seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

After discussion the Council agreed for the city to provide quotes looking into upgrading the security of the city facilities.

Public Comment

Mr. Lafourte suggested to the Mayor and Council to look at getting an electronic sign installed to be able to advertise community events.

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. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk