



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
December 20, 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 Councilman Williams. Mayor Pro Tem Caylor led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Caylor made the motion to amend the presented agenda to add an executive session, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Caylor made the motion for approval of the amended agenda, financial reports for November 2022, and minutes for the November 15, 2022, regular meeting, and executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Caylor made the motion to dismiss into an executive session meeting at 6:12pm for discussion on pending legal matters and personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The Mayor and Council concluded the executive meeting at 6:40pm and resumed the regular meeting.

New Business

Secret Santa check was presented by Mayor Dickson and City Administrator to Principal Paula Wheeler and Counselor Keri Blackwell of Varnell Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Councilman Williams presented the Public Safety Committee key points. Councilman Pangle gave an update for the Recreational Committee, the exercise equipment for the Varnell walking track did not arrive on the December order, still waiting for the shipment to come in.

Councilman Pangle made the motion for approval of budget amendments, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried with a 4-0 vote. The amendments approved are as follows:

Police- \$ 45,000.00
Maintenance- \$ 4,000.00
Capital- \$ 200,000.00
Sewer- \$ 4,000.00
Cemetery- \$ 2,150.00
SPLOST- \$ 401,176.00
ARP- \$ 92,500.00

Food Lion, Smoke Shop, Varnell Market and Nob North Golf Course were approved for alcohol license for 2023. Motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

After much discussion the motion to approve the City entering a contract with Municode was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Councilman Pangle wishes for the stipulations of; if conversations are held during the process of recodification over the allotted time out lined in the contract it will come back to the Council for approval of continuing the process.

The motion of approval for annexation parcel number 11-155-01-004, 116 Marla Drive was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

After discussion the Council agreed to table to receive more quotes on upgrading the security of the city facilities.

Public Comment

Councilman Pangle wanted to add that during the January and February meetings the city will have several contractors and architects attending to discuss the further renovations of the Varnell Recreational facility. The city will be required to hire an architect since the area will be utilized as a gathering facility.

City resident Dianne Caylor would like to suggest more park benches in the area.

City resident Chris Branscomb suggests looking into moveable benches.

City Resident Paul Lafortune would like to suggest that if a stage is built to have musical performances the city will need to have a 220 amp power source instead of a 110 amp. Councilman Pangle suggested to look at having a minimum of 5 circuits on the stage.

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 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk