



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023**

Members Present: Mayor Tom Dickson, Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem,
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 6:01 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Reverend Brian Jarrett Cohutta Baptist Church. Girl Scouts from Troop 14660 led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Councilman Roche made the motion to amend the presented agenda to add filling the vacancy of Council Seat #4, seconded by councilman Pangle carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. The motion for approval of the amended agenda, financial reports for January 2023, and minutes for January 17, 2023.

Potential Executive Session

Councilman Roche made the motion to go into an executive session to discuss updates on current litigation, motion failed for lack of a second.

New Business

Mayor and Council observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Councilman Clyde Williams.

Councilman Roche presented the Public Safety Committee key points.

Andy Carlson with Carlson & Carlson Design Firm made a presentation on options for renovations for the Varnell Recreation area. Councilman Lowe made the motion to have the new pavilion that will be built dedicated as the Clyde Williams Memorial Pavilion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The resolution on Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing adoption of the Whitfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved with the motion being made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Dickson informed the Council that they have received a packet to review options on offering employees supplemental health insurance and it will be discussed at next meeting.

Discussion was had on purchasing a new server for the City Hall. After much discussion Councilman Lowe made the motion to accept the bid from Dalton Computer Services, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Roche made the motion to call for a special election in June of 2023 to fill the vacant seat #4 of Councilman Williams, and set the qualifying fee at \$35.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

A budget amendment in the amount of \$51,873.50 was approved for the Police Simulator. The amount has been fully reimbursed by a State Grant obtained by Chief Moreno. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor for approval of the alcohol for Peach Stop Gas Station, seconded by Councilman Lowe and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation of parcel number 11-192-01-008, 4125 Cleveland Hwy was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation of parcel number 11-263-01-121, 124 Santa Fe Trail was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation of parcel number 11-172-02-022, 5005 Village Drive was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation of parcel number 11-155-03-013, 4405 Trailwood Heights was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The motion of approval for annexation of parcel number 11-263-01-177 was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk