



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

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

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Kai Clayton

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 Rev. Kelly Riding, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion for the approval of the agenda as presented, the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting, and the financial reports for June 2023. This motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Caylor; the motion was carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Pangle reported that Officers Tirado and Hill had completed the Advanced Report Writing course. Lieutenant Swilley provided an update regarding the FBI Security Awareness Training.

A motion was made to appoint Mickey Brock to serve on the Appeals Zoning board, by Councilman Caylor, and seconded by Councilman Lowe. Councilman Roche expressed a desire to have more time before making the appointment. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote; Councilman Roche voted against.

A motion was made to appoint Paul Wilson to serve on the SPLOST Committee. Councilman Roche restated his concerns. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote; Councilman Roche abstained.

The Council appreciated all the planning and effort that went into Varnell Fun Day, thanking all involved for their help and contributions. As a result of the success of this event, a motion was made to create a Citizen's Committee for Community Events. The motion was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Councilman Roche, and passed unanimously.

The City has not yet received a copy of the TAD Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitfield County, and is awaiting finalization by the attorneys involved in its writing.

A discussion was started regarding refurbishing the Varnell Community Center. A list of areas of concern was provided by Councilman Caylor. It was agreed the city begin the process of gathering quotes for labor and materials before proceeding any further.

The 2022 Financial Audit was reviewed with no questions or concerns from members of the Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Caylor to approve the annexation of 237 Cheyenne Trail and seconded by Councilman Lowe. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

Paul Lafortune addressed the Council regarding the lack of a permanent barrier for the gravel path at Varnell Springs; the Council agreed to pursue the matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Caylor, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton
City Clerk