



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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. Dennis Ray Maple Grove Baptist Church, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made for the approval of the agenda, of the minutes from the August 15, 2023, meeting, and the financial reports for August 2023. The motion was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Pangle presented the Public Safety updates.

A motion was made to set the tax digest 2023 at 1.895 mileage rate; the motion was made by Councilman Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe, and passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

A discussion was had for the architectural design for park development, including coverage at the Stage area, the number and locations of restrooms, and possibility of a future skate park was discussed.

A discussion regarding the Cemetery Road being paved was held. Tim Rowe with Dalton Funeral Home said they are willing to donate towards the costs of paving the road. A motion was made by Councilman Caylor to budget \$25,000.00 towards the improvements, and request Whitfield County to provide the labor, and equipment cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lowe, and opposed by Councilman Roche, and carried a 4-1 vote.

The Council reviewed the TAD IGA with Whitfield County; a motion to approve the TAD IGA was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made to approve a Donation Request Application for the City. Councilwomen Harrison agree to amend the form as directed by the council. A motion was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Lowe, and a motion was carried with unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

Paul Lafoutre addressed the council concerning Varnell Springs and preserving the green spaces within the city. The mayor agreed that it will be limited to foot traffic only regarding the access path.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Caylor, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Kai Clayton

City Clerk