



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 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 6:01pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Rev. Chase Cranmore, of Good Hope 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 September 19th, 2023, and special called council meeting for October 12th, 2023, and the financial reports for September 2023. The motion was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Pangle presented the Public Safety updates for the month of September 2023.

Councilman Roche addressed the council concerning the balance sheet, and stated he would like it updated, and corrected for this year concerning the Sage 50 program. No motion was made at this time.

Andy Carson presented the design proposal for the park development. Councilwoman Harrison questioned the cost of the projects at the park, no motion was made at this time.

A 1st Reading was made on the 2024 Budget. There will be a final Reading to follow at the next council meeting. The motion was made to approve the 2024 budget by councilman Roche and seconded Council Pangle. The motion to approve was unanimous on a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison to approve the 5-year Comprehensive Plan, and it was seconded by Councilman Caylor, with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Lowe to approve the budget amendment for the SPLOST account for \$44,400.00 for the VPD's new SUV, and was seconded by Councilman Pangle, and unanimously voted on with a 5-0 vote.

A discussion was had on the Road Closing Ordinance for the City. An application that was created was given to all council members to review and will be discussed later.

Paul Wilson was to discuss the SPLOST information for the city but was unable to attend the meeting. This will be addressed at the next council meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution 2023-10-12 for the 90-day moratorium on the commercial poultry and swine farming by Councilman Caylor and seconded by Councilwoman Harrison with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

Benjamin Canedo spoke concerning the poultry and swine commercial development in the city and stated he and his family are against the approval of it.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton
City Clerk