



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
December 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 6:00pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Rev. Chris Branscomb, of Varnell 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 November 14th, 2023, and the November 2023 financial reports. The motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously.

New Business

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

Howard Kash was sworn in as Councilman for Seat 5, to serve the term starting January 1st, 2024.

A “Secret Santa” donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to Varnell Elementary School.

A motion was made by Councilman Lowe, and seconded by Councilman Caylor, to approve the applications for 2024 Alcohol Licenses that have been submitted thus far. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison to approve a budget amendment for \$10,00.00 for vehicle repairs for the Police Department; the motion was seconded by Councilman Pangle and passed unanimously.

Councilman Roche made a motion to adopt amendments to the Unified Zoning Ordinance; these amendments primarily address commercial poultry and swine operations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caylor and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion was had on the revised TAD agreement for the Patterson Farm development. A motion to adopt the agreement was made by Councilwoman Harrison, seconded by Councilman Caylor, and passed unanimously.

The Council discussed plans to start Park development with a pavilion on the north side. Possible options were presented by Councilman Pangle. There was also discussion regarding future SPLOST funds for a Police and Maintenance Department building.

A plaque was presented to outgoing Councilman Lowe by Mayor Dickson, in appreciation for his 4 years of service on the City Council.

Public Comment

Concern was raised regarding the beginning of commercial development at Patterson Farm; it was clarified that at this time there will be no slabs poured until receiving commitment from businesses.

Paul Lafortune inquired about the budget for Park development. Mayor Dickson advised that there was \$450,000 set aside from the ARP funds.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilwoman Harrison, seconded by Councilman Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton
City Clerk