



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Tom Dickson, Bill Caylor Mayor Pro Tem,
Howard Kash, Bob Roche, Sandy Pangle, Sarah Harrison
City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Kai Clayton

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was given by Rev. Chris Mullis, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made for the approval of the agenda, the minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting, and the financial reports for May 2024. The motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison, seconded by Councilman Caylor, and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Councilman Pangle presented the Public Safety updates for the month of May 2024. Councilman Pangle made a motion to purchase 2 Police SUVs with SPLOST funds. Councilman Caylor seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Councilwoman Harrison motioned to approve the budget amendment for LMIG Supplement fund for \$29,595.16 for road paving. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caylor and passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

City Manager Mike Brown shared concern on behalf of City Attorney Miller regarding zoning height requirements. It was agreed by all to pursue further information for discussion at July's council meeting.

Mr. Brown advised the Council of available options for the aging outdoor basketball court, including \$9800.00 for demolition. Councilmen Kash and Roche spoke against resurfacing as not being a sufficient long-term solution. Councilwoman Harrison motioned to proceed with demolition of the current basketball court; Councilman Pangle seconded the motion, which then passed with a 5-0 unanimous vote.

A review of the Varnell Days Festival was not held, as event coordinator Nicole Tuner was unable to be present, but the discussion will be placed on next month's agenda. The mayor thanked Paul Lafortune, Varnell Police Department, City Hall staff, and Councilmen Roche and Pangle for their efforts toward bringing this year's festival to completion.

Councilman Pangle provided an update on the Clyde Williams Pavilion, stating that the design has been finalized and is ready to be placed out for bids on July 1, 2024.

Public Comment

Darren Pierce spoke regarding his campaign for Whitfield County Sherrif, and stated that if elected, he will show support to the Varnell Police Department without question. Mr. Pierce requested the community's continued support as he seeks election.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Harrison made a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Councilman Roche; the motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton
City Clerk