



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2025

Members Present:

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

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson. The invocation was led by Rev. Chester Edwards, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda, minutes from February 18, 2025, and financial reports for February 2025. The motion was made by Councilman Kash, 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 February 2025.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison to amend the ARP budget for \$88,164.31 to Momon Construction for the 4th Pavilion payment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roche and passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Councilman Pangle made a motion to approve the Unified Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment passed by Whitfield County regulating poultry houses in the County. Councilman Caylor seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Councilman Caylor made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with Dalton Utilities to connect the Mulligan Drive area to the sewer system. Councilmembers Kash and Harrison were excluded; Councilman Pangle seconded the motion, which then passed with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Dickson gave a status update on the progress with Municode.

There was discussion regarding further Park developments. It was agreed to proceed with gathering bids for the Dog Park fencing. There was discussion about the number and type of Courts to be constructed. The Council agree to one Full court for Basketball, one Tennis court, and two Pickleball courts with lights and sidewalks on the west side of the park. The council approved the hiring of Carlson and Carlson Architectural Firm to design the project.

Councilman Pangle gave an update on the construction progress of the Clyde Williams Pavilion. Trusses have been installed, and weather permitting, the concrete is scheduled to be poured in the first week of April.

The Council also discussed structuring reservation fees for the Clyde Williams Pavilion. The matter was tabled for further consideration.

Public Comment

Paul Lafortune requested the Council consider spending funds for upkeep and improvements at the Varnell Springs and suggested lighting improvements at the Main St. Pavilion.

Diane Caylor asked the Council, when considering lighting and hours of operation of the proposed Courts, to keep in mind the residents nearest the park who might be affected.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Caylor made a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Councilman Roche; the motion carried with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton
City Clerk