



City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026

Members Present:

Mayor Tom Dickson
Howard Kash, Sarah Harrison, Casey Mathews
Absent: Sandy Pangle, Brittany Sewell
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 given by Rev. Bruce Beach, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda, minutes from February 17, 2026, and financial reports for February 2026. The motion was made by Councilman Kash, seconded by Councilwoman Harrison, and carried with a vote of 3-0.

New Business

Varnell Police Chief Moreno presented the Public Safety updates for February 2026. The Chief also discussed an upcoming Public Service Announcement regarding the number of Passing School Bus citations being issued.

The Council discussed the property where the sewage system was operating for the Nob North Villas. The city is waiting to hear back from Attorney Terry Miller regarding the ownership and authorization to sell.

The Council discussed the \$1,000.00 donation budgeted for the NW GA Family Crisis Center.

Councilwoman Harrison made a motion to purchase and have installed Certified wood chips for both playgrounds at \$3,800.00. Councilman Mathews seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 3-0.

City Manager Mike Brown gave an update on the Varnell Ball Courts. If approved, the County has quoted an amount of \$101,000.00 for the Grading, Stormwater, and Concrete work.

Public Comment

Bill Caylor applauded the Police Department's focus on School Bus safety.

Smitty Barnett thanked the Council for their willingness to lead and expressed appreciation for the decisions they have been making on behalf of the local community.

Carol Books requested clarification of the TAD timeline for Patterson Farms. Mayor Dickson advised that the funds are held until visible above-ground construction begins for specified projects, like the commercial area.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Harrison made a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Councilman Kash; the motion carried with a 3-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton,
City Clerk