



City of Varnell Council Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Tom Dickson, Sandy Pangle Mayor Pro Tem,
Howard Kash, Sarah Harrison, Casey Mathews, 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. James Brownlee, and the pledge was led by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda, minutes from 4/21/26, 5/18/26, 5/19/26 and 5/22/26, and financial reports for May 2026. The motion was made by Councilwoman Harrison, seconded by Councilman Mathews, and carried with a vote of 5-0.

New Business

Varnell Police Chief Moreno presented the Public Safety updates for May 2026. Councilwoman Harrison made a motion to sponsor the August 1st Back to School Bash in an amount not exceeding \$3000.00. Councilwoman Sewell seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Councilwoman Harrison presented a summary of the Planning Committee meeting that was held on 5/22/26. She advised the list of potential projects and expenditures will go to the Budget Committee to review.

An updated Employee Handbook was distributed to all Council members for review. Councilman Pangle suggested the review be handled quickly to avoid any potential lapses in policy.

There was a discussion regarding an annexation request for parcel # 11-245-03-128, 131 Percheron Drive NW. The Council allowed comment from members of the Mountain Oaks community; No Varnell residents commented. Councilwoman Harrison made a motion to deny the annexation request, with Councilman Kash seconding. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-0.

There was a discussion regarding a de-annexation request for parcel # 11-188-02-000, 4210 Cohutta Varnell Rd. Councilman Kash made a motion to approve the de-annexation request, with Councilwoman Harrison seconding. The motion was carried with a vote of 4-1 with Councilman Pangle opposed.

Mayor Dickson presented an update on the planned Ball Courts. The County is still working in Westside and will not be available to being grading until the end of July. He also advised that the contract with Signature Courts has been approved and signed.

The Council discussed the sewage property on Nob North Drive. City Attorney Terry Miller clarified that current covenants would be extended to that property upon sale, and current zoning restrictions would remain in effect. He advised the Council that the parcel is legally considered Surplus Property and would have to be bid out and sold to the highest bidder in accordance with state regulations. Any further discussion will be withheld until HOA President Crossen holds a meeting with their Association to discuss a Quit Claim.

Public Comment

Mountain Oaks resident Randy Waskul requested the Police Department enforce 'no left turn' coming out of the Appaloosa Valley construction site. Chief Moreno responded that while the VPD will continue to patrol for traffic violations, anything further is unenforceable unless the State provides signage.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Harrison made a motion for adjournment that was seconded by Councilman Pangle; the motion carried with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kai Clayton,
City Clerk