



**City of Varnell  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2020**

**Members Present:** Mayor, Tom Dickson  
**Council Members:** Bill Caylor, Mayor Pro Tem  
Richard Lowe, Clyde Williams,  
Sandy Pangle, Ashlee Godfrey

**City Administrator:** Mike Brown  
**City Clerk:** Pam Garrison

**EXECUTIVE DUTIES**

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Tom Dickson. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Bill Caylor. The Pledge to the flag was led by Council person Ashlee Godfrey. Mayor Tom Dickson welcomed those in attendance for the meeting. Mayor Dickson also encouraged the audience to patronize the local small businesses in the Varnell Community during this difficult time with the coronavirus being all around us.

**CONSENT**

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey to approve the financials for February 2020 and minutes for February 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Sandy Pangle and carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Public Safety Committee report was presented by Clyde Williams, (see attached)
- Recreation and Outreach Committee – Due to the widespread virus, the Easter Egg Hunt for this year has been cancelled.

Bill Caylor made a motion to add a benefit of Fraternal Order of Police Benefits for all full-time officers as well as part time officers. This benefit will be at a rate of \$100.00 per officer/per year. Ashlee Godfrey seconded the motion. The vote carried as 5 yes

A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey for approval of annexation for property of Jerry Fincher. Bill Caylor seconded the motion. The motion was seconded by Clyde Williams and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the coronavirus and issues it presents for local government. There may be a time when the Council meeting must be teleconference. If so, a resolution would have to be adopted for this to happen. Mayor Dickson will discuss the issue with City Attorney Terry Miller to have a plan in place should the need arise for this. Mayor Dickson also stressed the fact that City of Varnell is here for the public should a need arise. Also, a discussion was held on the Police department staff to help the local school system deliver lunches for children that are not able to pick them up at their school during this National Emergency.

Ms. Babs Bailey introduced herself at the meeting as a candidate for Clerk of Superior Court in Whitfield County. The election will be on April 27, 2020.

There being no further comments, Clyde Williams made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bill Caylor. Motion carried unanimously at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Garrison  
City Clerk