



**City of Varnell
Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023**

Members Present: Mayor Tom Dickson, Bill Caylor Mayor Pro Tem,
Bob Roche, Richard Lowe (zoom), Sandy Pangle

Absent Members:

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Jamie Nance

Executive Duties

The Mayor and Council meeting was called to order at 6:59pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Dickson.

Consent Agenda

The motion for approval of the agenda as presented was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Councilman Pangle, and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session

The motion to dismiss into the executive session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor, seconded by Councilman Lowe (Zoom) and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Roche made the motion for the Council to reconvene into an open meeting at 7:54pm, seconded by Councilman Pangle and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

New Business

City attorney Terry Miller made a brief presentation to report the results of the settlement of the City of Varnell and its insurer GIRMA, in a pre-suit mediation claimant Todd Johnson, formerly arrest affected by the City's Police Agency in October of 2022 being represented by his attorneys Spears and Waycaster. These matters were mediated last Thursday 4/20/2023. After a full day of mediation, a settlement agreement was reached. When asked if Mayor Dickson wanted him to be specific about the details of the settlement, he was instructed no. City Attorney Miller ended the presentation by recommending the settlement. Motion to approve the settlement as detailed by the City Attorney was made by Councilman Roche, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caylor and carried unanimously by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Pangle made the motion to approve a budget amendment to cover the amount set for the lawsuit, seconded by Councilman Roche and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Smith asked the Council how much the lawsuit was for. Mayor Dickson then requested Attorney Miller if it was ok to disclose the amount. Attorney Miller said yes because there is a budget amendment being made for the amount. Mayor Dickson addressed Mr. Smith and stated that the settlement requires some expenditure from the City in the amount of \$100,000.00 and that insurance will pay the remaining balance of \$250,000.00.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Pangle, seconded by Councilman Roche, and carried unanimously with a 3-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jamie Nance
City Clerk