

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8th 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in Town Hall in said city on September 8th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. The following members of the Council were present: Phillip Kelley, John Myers, Carson Ray, Rudy Cornelius and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins and Dink Myers were absent. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Randy Whitaker. Mayor Dollar welcomed visitors and declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

Minutes

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the August 17th 2020 Regular Meeting and the September 1st 2020 Special Called Meeting to Canvas the Election Results have been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions the same on motion duly made and second stood approved.

Personnel Report – Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report

Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor recently conducted interviews to replace the vacant position of Equipment Operator. His selection is Christopher Hamman. Mr. Hamman is currently a full-time employee in the Sanitation Department in the position of Driver. His employment is in good standings. Renea Rowan requested approval to transfer Mr. Hamman from Sanitation to Street/Maintenance. To fill the vacant position of Laborer, Charlie Minor has selected Rylee Shell. Mr. Shell is currently working as a Temporary Laborer with the City. He has completed all pre-hire requirements. Renea Rowan asked approval to hire Mr. Shell as a full-time employee in the position of Laborer.

Sanitation: Sam Cobb conducted interviews to fill the open position of Driver. His selection is Hunter Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan has completed all pre-hire requirements. Renea Rowan requested approval to hire him as a full-time employee in the position of Sanitation Driver. Sam Cobb also conducted interviews to fill the open position of Laborer. His selection is Marlon Lamberth. Mr. Lamberth has completed all pre-hire requirements and Renea Rowan requested approval to hire him as a full-time employee in the position of Laborer. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Homer Wilson Hangar Leases at the Airport

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes who introduced **Resolution No. 1155** concerning the leases on the Homer Wilson Hangars at the Airport. This is being done at the request of the Homer Wilson Estate. Martha West will continue to pay the leases on a monthly basis until December 2020 on Hangar 21 and until May 2021 on Hangar R2A. Upon expiration these hangar spaces shall be returned to the City. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Trailer for the Police Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1156** to surplus a 2001 Kalyn Lowbed Semi Trailer VIN# SDDKE183610001428 for the Police Department. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Cornelius and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Quote for Ballfield Drag Equipment for Parks and Recreation

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1157** to approve the quote for Ballfield Drag Equipment for the Recreation Center. This is being purchased through an approved cooperative purchasing group at a total cost of \$20,927.64. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Wetland Credit Deposit

Mayor Dollar called on Garrett Younanian of Barge Designs to explain the Wetland Credit deposit. Mr. Younanian reported that in Phase II of the Parks and Recreation Center Improvements wetland between Highway 69 and the Gym would be affected. This is necessary to expand the parking to make the area safer for our children and to build concessions and to reconfigure the ballfields. Credits can be purchased from the wetlands bank at the cost of \$292,500.00 with a deposit of \$28,500.00 now to hold the credits for approval from the Corps. The balance would be paid when approved. Mr. Younanian recommended the approval and also stated that the \$240,000.00 was budgeted for this. Councilman Kelley asked if we built our own wetlands to exchange, would it be more expensive and Mr. Younanian said that it would. Councilman Whitaker asked if these could be used in Phase III if not used in Phase II and Mr. Younanian stated that he would check the time frame. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to approve the Wetland Credit Deposit and for the Mayor to sign the U S Army Corp of Engineers permit application pending a review by Dan Warnes on the time frame. Councilman Ray seconded and motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funds

Mayor Dollar stated that the City Tourism Fund Committee had approved \$10,000.00 support for the Mountain Valley Arts Council. Concerts are planned for Fall 2020. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for the Council to approve. Motion was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- District 2 Absentee Ballots are available at City Hall from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm and the Run-off Election will be held October 6th 2020 at the Recreation Center
- October 1st Council Meeting will be moved to October 9th

Public Comments:

- Will Smith of 1320 O’Brig Ave asked that the ordinance be updated that kept property clean. Mr. Smith stated there are 5 addresses that needed cleaning and that this area is the gateway to the Cultural Area of Guntersville. Mayor Dollar stated that she has the addresses and that they would be forwarded to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Councilman Whitaker stated we needed updates on those ordinances and Mayor Dollar stated that it was high on the list.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded, stood adjourned until September 21st, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK