

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. The following members of the Council were present: Sanchez Watkins, Phillip Kelley, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers Rudy Cornelius and Randy Whitaker. 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 September 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 Regular Meeting 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

**Police Department:** Due to a resignation we have an opening for Detention/Booking Officer. After the interview process, Deputy Chief Darnell selected Mr. Trevor Miller as the most qualified applicant.

**Horticultural:** Due to a resignation we also have an opening for Landscape Maintenance Laborer. After the interview process Supervisor Wendy Walker, selected Mr. Steven Santiago as the most qualified applicant.

Both candidates have successfully completed the City’s pre-hire requirements. Renea Rowan asked for approval for Mr. Miller and Mr. Santiago to be hired as full-time employees.

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 to Appoint Poll Workers for District 2 Run-off**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1158** to appoint poll workers for the District 2 Run-off. Mayor Dollar read the list of workers. Motion to appoint was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Tennessee River Towns Program Agreement**

Mayor Dollar asked for the Council’s approval of the Tennessee River Towns Program Agreement. This group will advertise the cities along the Tennessee River and our City will benefit from the publicity. We had applied last year and were not chosen, but were glad to be asked to join this year. The fee will be \$750.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Third Party Transportation Services for Public Transportation**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1159** to approve Third Party Transportation Services for the Public Transportation Department. This is our annual contract with Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Public Hearing for a Rezone Request made by Mramor Services**

Mayor Dollar announced this next item was tabled until this date from 2 Council Meetings ago. It was a rezone request made by Mramor Services with the property being located at 3510 Hideaway Drive from BG-1 to BG-2 but Mramor has withdrawn the request.

**Annexation Request by Buck Island Real Estate LLC**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to act on an annexation request by Buck Island Real Estate LLC for property located at the end of Gunters Landing Road (254+/- acres) to be Zoned RM-1. Councilman Kelley made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Dink Myers seconded and the following roll call vote was recorded:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Phillip Kelley	Yes	6.	Rudy Cornelius	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Motion to consider the annexation by **Ordinance No. 1116** was made by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers. Jimmy Hanson stated that the Planning Commission had recommended the annexation.

Councilman Kelley stated that it consisted of several tracts and was being prepared to be developed as home lots. Mayor Dollar read a portion of the description and asked that the remainder be incorporated as if set out in full. The following roll call vote was recorded by the Clerk:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Phillip Kelley	Yes	6.	Rudy Cornelius	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

**Set a Public Hearing for a Rezone Request made by Marshall Masonic Lodge #209 F&AM**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a rezone request made by Marshall Masonic Lodge #209 F&AM for property located at 3516 AL Hwy 79 South from RS-2 to O & I. Mayor Dollar reported that the hearing would be set for October 19<sup>th</sup> and that the Planning Commission had approved the BG1 zoning but had turned down the O & I zoning. Motion to set the public hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Set a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Lupita’s Mexican Grill**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Lupita's Mexican Grill located at 14401 Hwy 431 for October 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion to set was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**2019/2020 Audit**

Mayor Dollar announced that she would present the City's audit report due to the fact that our auditor's husband has health issues that prevented her from being at the meeting. Mayor Dollar reported that it was a clean audit. The balance showed additions to Capital Assets of approximately \$1.9 million, debt decreased by \$700,000.00 (the City financed purchased of \$500,000.00 for police cars and a fire truck put paid the principal down of over \$1.2 million). A good cash position had been maintained that is beneficial for ongoing projects to serve the City's residents. Revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$2.2 million. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**DAV Proclamation**

Mayor Dollar read a proclamation for Disabled Veteran's Day celebrating 100 years of service and presented the proclamation to a DAV representative.

**Announcements:**

- Mayor Dollar announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am then followed by a tour of Pilgrim's Pride and Dixie Grinders.

**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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00am.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**