

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on December 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, Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell 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 December 4<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 upon Renea Rowan to give the following personnel report:

**Sanitation:** Sam Cobb selected applicant Stetson Murphree to fill the position of Laborer. Mr. Murphree began employment as a full-time employee on 12/7/2020.

**General:** Betty Jones selected applicant Brianna Kilgo to fill the position of Accounts Payable Clerk. Ms. Kilgo began employment on 12/11/2020 as a full-time employee.

**Street/Maintenance:** Charlie Minor selected applicant Mr. Joe Bob Saye to fill the position of Skilled Laborer/Small Engine Mechanic. Mr. Saye began employment on 12/14/20 as a full-time employee.

**Fire:** An interviewing committee selected applicant Jacob Wisener to fill the position of Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Wisener began employment on 12/18/20 as a full-time employee. (Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Purchase of Chevrolet Silverado for Fire Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 off the State Bid List for the Fire Department in the amount of \$31,675.10. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve **Resolution No. 1171** was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Purchase of John Deere Tractor and Chevrolet Silverado for Public Works**

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution to approve the purchase of 2 Chevrolet Silverados and a John Deere Tractor from the State Bid List for Public Works. The tractor cost \$85,136.96 and the trucks are \$31,765.10 each. These are budgeted items. Motion to approve **Resolution No. 1172** was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Bid for Pool Slide**

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution to accept the bid for a new pool slide at the Recreation Center. The low bidder was Slide Innovations with a bid of \$97,285.00. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve **Resolution No. 1173** was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Authorizing the Execution of a Warrant Purchase Agreement**

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution to authorize the Execution of a Warrant Purchase Agreement in Connection with the Issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021 by the City of Guntersville. This will refinance the 2012 warrant at a rate of 1.3% and save the City approximately \$274,000.00 in interest. The term will remain the same. Motion to authorize by **Resolution No. 1174** was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Recycled Materials Purchase Agreement with WestRock**

Mayor Dollar introduced an agreement with WestRock to purchase the City's recycling. This is a renewal of our current agreement. Sam Cobb reported to the Council that the agreement with WestRock started in 2004 and that they are great to work with. 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.

**Renewal of Lease Agreement for Equipment Owned by Westrock**

Mayor Dollar introduced a renewal of the lease on our horizontal baler from WestRock. Sam Cobb reported to the Council that WestRock has provided the \$100,000.00 baler to the City at no cost and that the baler had greatly increased production to the point that it took one hour to do what used to be done in a day. The City is planning to purchase an additional baler in this budgeted year. Motion to renew was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Public Hearing for Lake City Development LLC's Rezone Request from RS 1 to PUD**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for Lake City Development LLC's rezone request from RS1 to PUD. Mayor Dollar read an email from the developer stating that he would not make a presentation tonight due to the opposition. Mayor Dollar also stated that all contacts to the City had been in opposition. Mayor Dollar then opened the floor for those who wished to speak in opposition and the following people spoke: Bob Cattaneo, Dennis Lee, Tim Parker, Nancy McAlister, Keith Kuhlman, Tom Swatek, Jimmy Cox, Curtis Vincent, Becky Rowe, William Ratliff, Ray O'Donnell, Kay Power, Holly Adkinson and Linda Taylor. All gave passionate talks about the neighborhood values, safety on a narrow road, traffic issues at the red light that is already a problem and that a development like this one would greatly change the neighborhood that they all valued. Councilman Ray made a motion not to rezone, seconded by Councilman Watkins. Councilman Whitaker explained to the crowd that once a rezone was considered by the Planning Commission, it automatically came to the Council. This rezoning had been denied by the

Planning Commission, but it has to also come before the Council. Councilman Dink Myers stated that he was impressed by Curtis Vincent's remarks as a State Engineer and that he knew how everyone felt about their homes and he respected that. The following roll call vote was recorded by the Clerk:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

#### **Public Hearing Child Advocacy Center Rezone Request from BG1 to RS3**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will serve as a Public Hearing for Child Advocacy Center Rezone Request from BG1 to RS3. This has been approved by the Planning Commission. No one spoke in opposition. Leslie Wright head of the CAC spoke in support explaining that this house sale was pending the rezone so the buyers could get a bank loan. The CAC has had the house for sale for a year and this is the only bidder and it is imperative that the CAC recoup this money to pay for the new facility that it has grown into presently. Motion to approve rezoning by **Ordinance No. 1119** was made by Councilman Wilson, and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by the following:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

#### **Public Hearing for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will serve as a Public Hearing for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store no. 664 located at 11635 U S. Hwy 431 for a Restaurant Liquor License. No one spoke in opposition or support. Councilman Dink Myers made a motion to approve and was seconded by Councilman Ray and the following roll call vote was recorded:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Abstain
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

#### **Extending the Through the Fence Agreement with ACE**

Mayor Dollar asked for the Council to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of extending the Through the Fence Agreement. Motion for immediate consideration to add to the agenda was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Motion to extend the deadline for the Through the Fence Agreement between the City and ACE Aeronautics until February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

#### **Announcements:**

- The Council Meetings will be changed to the following times next month: January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 12:00 NOON and the January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. due to Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Garbage pickup will be changed due to the holidays and can be found in the paper, on Facebook and the City's website
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

#### **Public Comments**

Eddie Allen of 929 O' Brig Ave asked the Council to publish in the paper how the changes in the times of the Council Meetings will be better for persons attending. He also asked that bathrooms be installed at the beach because this area is used 9-10 months of the year and only had porta potties.

**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 January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**