

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON DECEMBER 4th 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 4th 2020 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Randy Whitaker 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. Mayor Leigh Dollar was absent. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Carson Ray. Randy Whitaker welcomed visitors and declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker announced that copies of the minutes from the November 16th 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 Pro Tem Whitaker called upon Renea Rowan to give the following personnel report:

Satiation: Mr. Jason Cobb was selected by Sam Cobb to replace the open position of Laborer. Mr. Jason Cobb completed all pre-hiring requirements and began employment as a full-time employee on 11/23/2020.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Sanchez Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Appointment of Tourism Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Resolution No. 1169** to appoint the Tourism Committee that was not included in the appointments at the last Council Meeting. The Tourism Committee will consist of:

Mayor Leigh Dollar
City Clerk Betty Jones
Councilman Sanchez Watkins
Councilman Donald Myers
Councilman Randy Whitaker

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Employee Uniform Bids

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Resolution No. 1170** to accept bids for Employee Uniforms. Bidders were sought and the low bidders on uniforms were Aramark and Cintas for the winter overalls and jackets only. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance for Organization of Procedure

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Ordinance No. 1117** for the Organization of Procedure which was carried over from the last Council Meeting. The only change will be the times of the meeting. The first meeting of the month will be the first Monday at 12:00 noon, with the premeeting at 11:30. The second meeting of the month will be on the third Monday at 5:00pm with the premeeting at 4:30pm. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins 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	Absent

Ordinance to Adopt all Previously Passed Ordinances

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Ordinance No. 1118** to Adopt all Previously Passed and/or Adopted Ordinances by the City Council of the City of Guntersville. This ordinance is done every four years to correct any procedural errors that might have occurred and needed cleaning up. The City knows of none of these at this time. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rich Russell 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	Abstain	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Absent

Set Public Hearing for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store located at 11635 US Hwy 431 Guntersville. Councilman Dink Myers stated that this was a corporate application made statewide for these stores and made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced the 2020-2021 Budget stating that this had been distributed to the Council. Councilman Russell asked the amount of the employee raise and Clerk Betty Jones answered 4%. Councilman Wilson asked that in the future, the capital expenditures be presented clearer and Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker stated that he understood that the Mayor planned to do that in the future. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Airport Appraisal

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker called on Attorney Dan Warnes to present the proposed Airport Appraisal. Mr. Warnes reported that the City was in negotiations with ACE Aeronautics on the transfer of some of their property to the City and that FAA requires an appraisal. The bid from Airport Business Solutions was \$14,500.00 with a cap on expenses of \$1,000.00. The City is under a deadline of December 18th by the FAA to be completed. Councilman Wilson made a motion to proceed with the appraisal, seconded by Councilman Russell and was passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Downtown Merchants Sip and Shop and Night Before Christmas was December 4th and 5th
- Christmas Parade was December 12th and the Council needs to meet at 3:15 to ride in it.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker recognized Councilman Russell who made the motion that the proposed City Budget be presented to the Council no later than the end of August and that the information be published and that the budget be passed each year no later than the end of September with the provision that the Council could change based on circumstance. The motion died due to lack of a second.

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 December 21st 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

RANDY WHITAKER, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK