

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON JANUARY 19TH 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on January 19th 2021 at 4:30 a.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: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins was 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 January 4th 2021 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 and Johnathan Adams selected applicants Trevione Askins and Matthew Piper to fill the positions of Laborer. Both accepted our job offer and began employment as a full-time employee today 1/19/2021.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept New Subdivision Road at River Rocks Development

Mayor Dollar **Resolution No. 1176** to accept a new subdivision road at River Rocks Development. David Jones representing Connect Church spoke in favor of the resolution stating that the road acceptance would be contingent on the road being brought to City codes. Part of this road leads to the Church and part leads to the new development by River Rocks on the property it is purchasing from the Church. This road will be joint use by the Church and the subdivision. Councilman Whitaker asked about a 50-foot easement and Mr. Jones confirmed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Vehicle Purchase

Mayor Dollar **Resolution No. 1177** to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for the Building Department at a cost of \$34,585.35 and a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe LT for the Mayor at a cost of \$44,074.80 off the State Bid List. These are budgeted items. Last meeting a truck was approved for the Building Department and it has been reevaluated and this one is based on new specs. 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 Bid for New Roof at the Old Post Office Building

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1178** to accept the bid for a new roof at Old Post Office Building. Bids were sought and opened and the low bidder was Johns & Kirksey with a bid of \$48,500.00. There is a grant of \$4,000.00 toward this work. Jimmy Hanson reported to the Council that is would correct the membrane leakage and address the gutter problem and stop the leaks. Mr. Hanson did not believe that there are any issues with the slate part of the roof. Councilman Wilson stated that he would like to see a plan for the building before throwing \$50,000 at the building. “Should we be investing until we know the use?” Councilman Whitaker stated that if we do not stop the water, no one would be interested in the building to rent or purchase. Councilman Dink Myers stated if we do not stop now, it will get worse and worse. Councilman Wilson stated that the sense of urgency was confusing because it had been leaking for a long time. Councilman Dink Myers stated the leaks should be fixed then start fixing the inside. Jimmy Hanson stated that building must be repaired or it could impact the value. Mayor Dollar stated the repairs cost was in the budget. Councilman Russell asked about amending the resolution to state that a plan of action be completed by June 2021 so the Council could decide on the long-term use of the building. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to that affect. Councilmen Dink Myers and Councilman Whitaker spoke in favor of determining the use after the roof was fixed to stop the leak and get Jimmy Hanson to assess the building. Councilman Russell made a motion to amend the resolution to include a specification that a comprehensive plan to determine the use of the building and a plan of action be done by the end of June. Councilman Dink Myers and Whitaker stated it must be dry first and then assessed. Councilman Wilson seconded and the following roll call vote was recorded:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Absent	5.	Donald Myers	No
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	No	7.	Randy Whitaker	No
4.	Carson Ray	No	8.	Leigh Dollar	No

Motion to approve **Resolution No. 1178** was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and the following roll call vote was recorded:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Absent	5.	Donald Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	No	6.	Rich Russell	No
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Randy Whitaker	Yes
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Resolution to Surplus Various Items

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1179** to surplus items from the various Departments. Mayor Dollar read the following:

Sanitation Department

2009 International 440 Refuse Truck

VIN# 1HTMKAAR39H076327

1986 Chevrolet C30

VIN# 1GBHC34MXGS142643

Airport

EZ GO 4 Place Golf Cart with Luggage Compartment

Fire Department

2008 Ford 250 Crew Cab

VIN# FTSW21R48EE39815

General

Buzhub 223 Copier

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

Resolution to Enter into a Contract with Personnel Staffing

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1180** to enter into a contract with Personnel Staffing. Renea Rowan reported to the council that due to COVID19 the recycling staff had decreased and that the court system was no longer supplying workers so she sought temporary workers as an answer. They will be used as needed, with no benefits and the services does the drug testing and background checks. They will not be employed by the City and this will give recycling a chance to catch up and stop working weekends. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Police and Fire Radios

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1181** for Police and Fire Radios at cost of \$413,979.41. Mayor Dollar called on Chief Peterson who reported to the Council that this is for the radios for the fire and police to supply the system previously voted on by the council that is county wide. Motorola has priced the radio under the state bid price and Chief Peterson reported that they intend to go live July 2021. The cost can be paid on a 3, 4, or 5-year payments and he recommends 3 years. This will not begin until next budget year. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Enter into a Contract with Clear Winds Technologies

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1182** to enter into a contract with Clear Winds Technologies to manage IT for the City at a cost of \$5,785 per month. This includes 2 day per week onsite engineer and help desk as needed and will completely handle the City’s I T needs for protection. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Airport Appraisal

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1183** for an Airport Appraisal. Dan Warnes reported to the Council that the City has been in negotiations with ACE to donate property to the City and for the City to lease it back to ACE for their use. FAA requested it be appraised to insure the fair lease amount be paid to the City and supplied a list of approved appraisers. Bids were sought and the low bidder was JLL with a bid of \$12,500.00. Councilman Whitaker stated that money had been wasted by rejections from ACE. Councilman Wilson stated that a lot of money had been wasted by FAA’s rejections. Councilman Ray stated after the appraisal we still have to come to an agreement. Dan Warnes stated we were very close but there are not just 2 sides, there are 8 different minds just on the Council. The other appraisal that the council approved was set aside and this will be the only appraisal. Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Marshall County Health Department Funding Request

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1184** for Marshall County Health Department funding request to hire 4 extra people to give out vaccines to be split 5 ways. The cost is up to \$17,472.00 conditioned on all entities participating. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Rezone Request by Rent-A-Boat INC

Mayor Dollar stated the next item on the agenda was to set a Public Hearing for a Rezone Request by Rent-A-Boat INC for property located at 1321 Lakeshore Drive from RS2 to RM1, but the request was withdrawn today.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation

Mayor Dollar read a Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation declaring January mentoring month and presented the proclamation to a representative attending the meeting.

Announcements:

- Next meeting at noon on 2-1-21
- Health department is giving vaccine shots

Councilman Dink Myers asked Dan Warnes the status on the Mt. Crest property that was needing clean up and Mr. Warnes stated that Cheryl Smythe could proceed. Council approval was needed only when a lien was put on the property. She is currently working on the problem.

Councilman Whitaker stated that it was a good idea on the Post Office to ask the building official to give an update by June on the building and what action needed to be addressed and put that on the fast track.

Mayor Dollar stated the next field trip for the council would be on animal control.

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 February 1st 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF February, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK