

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 12:00 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 February 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

Mrs. Rowan reported the retirement of Amanda Chastain from the Municipal Court. Mrs. Chastain had worked with the City for the last 15 years of her court career. She was presented with a plaque, a \$100.00 check and a thanks from the City of her service.

**Board of Education Report on ½ Cent Sales Tax**

Mayor Dollar called on Dr. Ayer who gave the Board of Education Report on the ½ Cent Sales Tax. Dr. Ayer reported expenditures of \$615,846.07 and a balance of \$1,316,648.46 including interest income. A detailed list was given to each Councilmember.

**City Report on ½ Cent Sales Tax**

Mayor Dollar also reported the City portion of \$1,926,805.06 of the ½ Cent Sales Tax with expenditures of \$500,000.00 on paving and the balance spent of Recreation Improvements. This money for both the School and the City is to be in separate bank accounts and a yearly report made to the Council.

**Public Hearing and Ordinance to Hold a Special Election for the Ad Valorem Tax for the School Purposes**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing to Hold a Special Election for the Ad Valorem Tax for School Purposes. Mayor Dollar opened the floor for comments:

Eddie Allen of 929 O’Brig cautioned the School Board and the City to have a set price due to the rising cost of building materials before going to the citizens with a funding request.

Larry Sorter of 598 Arlington Road, Arab stated that there was no set number and that the City had not chosen a sunset date and that it would before a slush fund for the schools later. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to suspend the rules to consider an ordinance to hold a special election to raise a 7.5 mill tax for school purposes. Motion for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 1121** was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins.

Councilman Dink Myers stated that this was a vote for an election by the people and not by the City Council and the School Board. The following

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

**Resolution to Appoint Election Manager**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1189** to appoint an Election Manager. The election announcement will be March 6<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Dollar recommended appointing Betty Jones as the Election Manager and Absentee Manager. 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.

**Ace Temporary TTF**

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes to explain the ACE Temporary TTF delay. Mr. Warnes explained that we do not have the appraisal yet and has asked for a 2-week extension. This has been approved by the FAA. ACE has agreed to continue to pay \$744.24. 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.

**Public Hearing for Jazzy at the Glover**

Mayor dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will serve as a public hearing for an On and OFF Premise Beer and Wine License for Jazell Sewell DBA Jazzy at the Glover located at 524 Gunter Avenue. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**Set a Public Hearing for Sprint Mart #2319**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Off Premise Beer and Wine for Victory Marketing LLC DBA Sprint Mart #2319 located at 3809 AL Hwy 69. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Set Public Hearing for Sprint Mark #2320**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Off Premise Beer and Wine for Victory Marketing LLC DBA Sprint Mart #2320 located at 12985 US Hwy 431. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Voting Delegates for League Convention**

Mayor Dollar announced that Council approval was needed for the Voting Delegate Authorization for the League Convention. The names submitted are Leigh Dollar, Randy Whitaker and Dink Myers. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Supermarket Employee Day Proclamation**

Mayor Dollar announced that February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 was Supermarket Employee Day and read part of the proclamation thanking our supermarket workers for their hard work during this past year.

**Announcements:**

Wild Irish Run will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

Councilman Whitaker stated the need for the railroad tracks on Hwy 227 to be repaired and Mayor Dollar said she had been in contact with the railroad about getting them fixed soon.

**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 March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2021**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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