

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON MARCH 15th 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 1st 2021 at 4:30 p.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: 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 March 1st 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 – No Personnel Report

Resolution to Surplus Vehicle at the Airport

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1190** to surplus the following:

2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP7W26X130783

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

Resolution to Charge Airport Fees

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1191** to charge the following fees at the Airport:

Tie Down Fees:

Single Engine Piston: \$20.00 tie down/overnight fee. If fuel is purchased fee may be waived

Multi-Engine Piston: \$40.00 tie down/overnight fee. If fuel is purchased fee may be waived

Turboprop Aircraft: \$50.00 tie down/overnight fee. If fuel is purchased fee may be waived

Jet Engine Aircraft: \$60.00 tie down/overnight fee. If fuel is purchased fee may be waived

Ramp Fees: No Fuel Purchase

Turboprop and Jet Aircraft \$50.00

Callout Fees: After Normal Business Hours

\$50.00

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

Resolution for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1192** for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) administered through the FAA Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). This resolution gives the Mayor authority to apply and sign on behalf of the City for the grant. 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 for Public Transportation 5310 Grant

Mayor Dollar called on Transportation Director Lori Kirkland to present **Resolution No. 1193** for Public Transportation 5310 Grant. Mrs. Kirkland explained that the transportation dept would be contracting with the Senior Center for the transportation of the Seniors. This would be an 80/20 split. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Park & Rec Phase II Bid

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1194** to Accept Park & Rec Phase II Bid. Low bidder was Lambert Construction with a bid of \$4,213,539. Park Director Matt Bryant reported that this covers the splash pad, parking, relocating 2 ball fields, concessions and covered batting cages. Motion to accept was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Mayor Dollar called on Attorney Dan Warnes to report on the ACE Through the Fence extension. Mr. Warnes stated that the FAA approved an extension to allow the City and ACE time to work out an agreement for the purchase of land from ACE and the lease back to ACE. Motion to approve the extension was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Sprint Mart #2319

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for Off Premise Beer and Wine for Victory Marketing LLC DBA Sprint Mart #2319 located at 3809 AL Hwy 69. This is due to a change in ownership. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Ray and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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| 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. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Public Hearing for Sprint Mart #2320

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for Off Premise Beer and Wine for Victory Marketing LLC DBA Sprint Mart #2320 located at 12985 US Hwy 431. This is due to a change in ownership. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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| 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. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Rezone Request

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for a Rezone Request for Tiffany Rainwater to Rezone Property Located at 2101 Stevenson Street from RS2 to RM2. This has been denied by the Planning Commission. A hearing was set for April 19th Motion to set the hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approval of City Harbor Loan Documents

Mayor Dollar called on Attorney Rod Kanter to report to the Council on City Harbor Loan Documents. Mr. Kanter reported that the City was asked to sign an estoppel agreement by the lender on the construction of the Harbor Project. The City acknowledges no defaults on the land, acknowledges we have no rights to take things in a foreclosure on the vertical improvements and if there was a calamity, such as tornado or fire, the City would have the right of up to \$1million in debris removal but the bank had to clarify the flow of funds for the insurance money. Mr. Lawler is required to have enough insurance to cover this. This is a solution for the bank to lend the money for the project. 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.

Engage Engineer for Railroad Avenue Project

Mayor Dollar requested Council Approval to Engage an Engineer for the Railroad Ave Road Project. The utilities are ready to install underground utilities, but need to know the plan for the road. JBW&T Engineers have proposed fees of \$68,933.00 to do the project. Motion to accept the engineers was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Planning Commission Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended two Planning Commission Appointments Anna Fredrick and Wright Ross. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Proclamation

Mayor Dollar read a portion of a Women's History Month Proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Women's History Month.

Announcements:

Ballots are now available in the Clerk's Office at City Hall for in person voting or by mail on the Ad Valorem Tax Increase

Public Comment:

Gary Wright of 103 Mayberry Lane, Arab spoke giving statistics about the LGBTQ. He passed out a fact sheet to each council member and asked them to read.

C. Dink Myers stated there was still problems with the light at the top of the mountain. C. Whitaker stated he had met with the railroad and ALDOT on the tracks at 227.

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 April 5th 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK