

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON APRIL 5th 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on April 5th 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 March 15th 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 Personnel Report

Sanitation: Sam Cobb and Johnathan Adams selected Jeffrey Avery to fill the position of Laborer. Mr. Avery accepted the job offer and began work as a full-time employee Feb. 15, 2021

Municipal Court: Delana Weaver and Renea Rowan conducted interviews for the position of Magistrate. Their selection was Marilyns Rivera. Ms. Rivera accepted the job offer and began work as a full-time employee on March 29, 2021.

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

Approval of Amendment to ACE Lease

Mayor Dollar announced the next item was Approval of Amendment to ACE Lease and on advice of Dan Warnes entertained a motion to carry over. Motion to carry over was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Appoint Poll Workers for Special Election

Mayor Dollar Introduced **Resolution No. 1195** to appoint Poll Workers for Special Election Mayor Dollar Read the following list:

CHIEF INSPECTOR –Amy Barnett

A-L

Chief Clerk Tina Whitmore

Registration Clerk Sandra Moody

Clerk Janice Spradlin

M-Z

Chief Clerk Neil Gunter

Registration Clerk Carson Clark

Clerk Zach Lee

ABSENTEE

Chief Clerk Mary Ruth McCord

Registration Debbie Newman

Clerk Barbara Gunter

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Mayor Dollar abstaining.

Resolution to Purchase Bailer

Mayor Dollar Introduced **Resolution No. 1196** to Purchase a Baler for the Recycling Center thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative at a price of \$99,002.13. This is a budgeted item. Sam Cobb reported to the Council that our current baler is from 1994 and this will be more productive. It does not have a conveyor and this will be less upkeep for the City.

Recycling also has a baler provided by West Rock and they do the maintenance on it. This one would be owned by the City and can transfer to the new building when it is built. Mr. Cobb reported that he had done extensive research into the benefits of this piece of equipment and was confident that this would make the department more efficient. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funding

Mayor Dollar announced that the Tourism Committee recommends funding the Downtown Merchants \$11,000.00 for 3 events (Spring, Fall and Christmas) and the Whole Back Stage for \$12,400.00. Mayor Dollar called on Greg Leach and Andy Hunter who reported that the school building that houses the WBS was built in 1921 and that they hope to have 100-year celebration. The roof is 45 years old and metal. They got estimates to replace the roof in the \$120,000.00 to \$160,000.00 range, but also was advised that it was in good shape and that a spray on sealant to stop the small leaks could lengthen the life of the roof 20 to 25 years. Mayor Dollar noted that this is a City owned building.

Motion to approve the funding for the 3 Downtown Merchant events was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Motion to approve the Whole Back Stage roof restoration was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Farmer's Tel Co Agreement for City Hall

Mayor Dollar announced that the City contract with Unity for WiFi is expiring and recommended Farmer's Tel Co Agreement for City Hall. Motion to approve the new company was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Barge Work Authorization

Mayor Dollar asked for Council approval For Barge Work Authorization No. 21-01 Guntersville Municipal Airport Runway Crack Seal, Seal Cost, and Remark. This will be covered by the grant and this is to authorize the engineering. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Special Event Permit

Mayor Dollar Entertained a motion for a Special Event Permit for B&B Bartending LLC for the sale of Special Event Liquor, located at 1500 Sunset Drive from the Guntersville Recreation Center to the Water Treatment Plant, Guntersville AL 35976 for June 26th – 27th 2021. This is for the Hydrofest. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins, and passed on the following roll call vote:

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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 |

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Board Appointments: Board of Adjustments: Julie Ann McCulley and Cameron Troilo. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Proclamation for Arbor Day

Mayor Dollar read a Proclamation declaring April 6th 2021 as Arbor Day.

Announcements:

- Ballots for the special election are at City Hall for absentees.
- Governor Ivey is expected to end the mask mandate
- Councilman Whitaker commended the City Worker’s efforts for clean up on Palm Sunday.

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 19th 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK