

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON APRIL 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 April 19th 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 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 read the following Personnel Report:

Police Department: D.C. Ryan Darnell selected Garrett Ruark to fill the open position of Police Officer. Mr. Ruark is APOST certified. He accepted our job offer as full-time employee and began his employment on 4/13/2021.

General: To fill the vacant position of Recycling Coordinator, the interviewing committee selected Melissa Howard. Ms. Howard is currently in the position of Business License Clerk. She has excepted the offer and will transfer to the position of Recycling Coordinator when her current position is filled.

To fill the position of Business License Clerk, Betty Jones and I selected Brittany Shaneyfelt. Ms. Shaneyfelt has excepted our offer as a full-time employee and is scheduled to begin her employment on 4/26/21

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 Replacement Poll Worker

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1197** to ask for Council approval to replace Mary Ruth McCord with Randy Hasty as a poll worker in the May 11th Special Election. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for HydroFest Road Closure

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1198** for HydroFest road closures at the intersection of Sunset Drive and Highway 69 along Sunset Drive to Willow Beach at the Water Treatment Plant and Patterson Street from O’Brig Avenue to Sunset Drive from 9:00 a.m. on Friday until Sunday at midnight June 25th -27th. This is the same road closure as the previous time. 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.

Resolution to Regulate Drone Flights During HydroFest

Mayor Dollar Introduced **Resolution No. 1199** for HydroFest Drone Flight Regulation which is the same as the last time from Friday June 25th to Sunday June 27th. 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.

Municipal Debris Recovery Fund

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to sign Municipal Debris Recovery Fund Memorandum of Understanding. Mayor Dollar explained that the League of Municipalities wishes to start a fund that cities could apply for assistance with debris removal. This would cover what FEMA does not. This will be a cost of \$2,539.00 per year based on our area. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

ACE Lease Amendment

Mayor Dollar reported that the City had not heard back from FAA on the ACE Lease Amendment. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table the agreement until FAA responded. This was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Building Codes Electrical Amendment

Mayor Dollar stated that the Building Codes Electrical Amendment did not have enough information because Jimmy Hanson was out sick and suggested that it be carried over. Motion to carry over was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Rezone Request

Mayor Dollar stated that there was no Public Hearing for a Rezone Request made by Tiffany Rainwater to Rezone Property located at 2101 Stevenson St from RS2 to RM2 because it had been withdrawn.

Special Event Permit

Mayor Dollar Entertained a motion to approve a Special Event Permit for Gunters Landing Holding LLC for the sale of Special Event Liquor, located at Civitan Park at 1120 Sunset Drive, Guntersville AL 35976 for May 22nd 2021 for a Fundraiser for the Apple Foundation. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers 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 |

Announcements:

- Absentee ballots available for the May 11 property tax special election
- A Council field trip will be planned in the next couple of months.

Public Comments

Hans Ingold, ACE business manager addressed the Council about the lease agreement. Mr. Ingold stated that this has been a 3-year process and that an agreement was sent to FAA in April with a letter stating that FAA had final approval. Mr. Ingold requested that the City approve the agreement based on final approval of the FAA. He stated that ACE was ready to move ahead.

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 May 3rd 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK