

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON JUNE 7th 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on June 7th 2021 at 11:30 p.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: Larry Wilson, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. John Myers and Sanchez Watkins were 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 May 17th 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 read the following Personnel Report:

Police Department: Mr. Drake Rollins was the selected applicant to fill the position of Police Officer. Mr. Rollins is APOST certified. He accepted our offer and began as a full-time employee on 6/1/2021. To fill the vacant position of Communications Officer, an interviewing committee selected applicant Ms. Stephanie Bradley. Ms. Bradley accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 6/3/21.

Parks & Recreation: The City pool opened for the summer season on Saturday May 30th. In order to support the pool season and swim team we have hired approximately 34 certified Life Guards.

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

Accept Bid for Garbage Truck/Chassis

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1203** to accept the bid for a new Garbage Truck/Chassis in the amount of \$148,093.00. This will be purchased off last year's bid before the time runs out and will save the City money plus go ahead and get the order placed since there are delays in getting new equipment at this time. Sam Cobb reported to the Council that the garbage truck on order may not be here until 2022 and he asked to order this one to get it in line because it is needed. Council Whitaker confirmed that this would be placed in the 2022-year budget. 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.

Accept Bid for Airport Runway Rehabilitation

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1204** to accept the bid for Airport Runway Rehabilitation. Bids were sought and opened on May 11th and the low bidder was J. J. Cunningham, LLC with a bid of \$166,134.20. Mayor Dollar stated that this would be paid 100% by this year's airport grant. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Surplus Vehicle for Police Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1205** to surplus a 2012 Dodge Charger from the Police Department to be donated to York, Alabama with Council's approval. The vehicle is unserviceable and York understands that it needs repair. 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.

Surplus Vehicle Parts from the City Garage

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1206** to surplus various vehicle parts from the City Garage to be sold on govdeals.com. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Property Ordinance

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance to regulate and enforce activity on Guntersville City Property and called on Kelsey Cooper of Warnes and Associates to report to the Council on the first reading of the City Property Ordinance. Mrs. Cooper stated this sets the rules for all City owned property. Property could be used 1 hour before sunrise and 1 hour after sunset except when it was being used as its designated intent it could be used at night. This sets out the rules for all parks. Special hours can be designated for events. This is the first reading of the ordinance.

Resolution to Remove Moratorium on Electronic Signs

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1207** to remove the moratorium placed on electronic signs by Resolution No. 1768 from January 21st 2014 and reword the requirements to comply with the light to be .03 above ambient lighting. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 935

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1122** to amend Ordinance No. 935 as it pertains to MC cable. This will allow contractors to use the MC cable instead of conduit but it must be preapproved for use and inspected by the Building Official Jimmy Hanson. Mr. Hanson asked if the Council could act on this immediately to allow the contractors to start using now. Motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration was made by Council Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Hangar Lease

Mayor Dollar announced that the Airport Hangar Lease would need to be carried over. Motion to carry over was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Off Premise Beer and Wine License for Dollar General located at 2980 Alabama Highway 69. Motion to set the hearing for June 21st was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Cemetery Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Cemetery Board Appointments:

Frances Bridges
Charlotte Dutton
Jan Langley
Debbie Newman
Glenda Rhodarmer
Bill Yancy

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

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting will be at 8:00am on June 21st followed by a tour of Animal Control operations in the county
- Spring 2 Summer Wake Board June 11th and 12th
- HydroFest June 26th and 27th

Public Comments

- Mark Mayo of 1500 O'Brig Avenue asked that something be done to help make the street less dangerous. He stated that cars park on both sides of the street and that the cars speed on the street making it a danger to persons trying to get out of their driveway and said any help would be greatly appreciated.
- Unique Morgan Dunston of Semmes, Alabama stated that she was working for "Reclaiming Our Time" and wished to explain to the Council what white supremacy and the rebel flag meant not trying to be offensive but to be heard. Her time ran out and she agreed to email the Council.
- Greg Hundley of 1620 Jordan Street read a resolution asking the City of Guntersville to aske the Marshall County Commission to remove the confederate flag from the court house and also presented another resolution calling for the City to ask the county to relocate the confederate monument from the Albertville Court House to the Guntersville City Cemetery.
- Pete Sparks of 1116 O'Brig requested the request to remove the flag and monument not be considered because it was putting the cart before the horse because Marshall County had not asked the City to accept the monument or the flag yet.
- Anthony Campbell of 2243 Mr. Carmel Drive and the Freedom Park Initiative asked for a Veterans Park in Guntersville to honor each branch of the military and asked that the upper parking lot on Worth Street be donated for that cause.
- Herb Neu of 3686 Simpson Point, Grant stated that the battle flag was not popular until the Dukes of Hazzard TV show. He stated it was time to forget misguided history, that slavery was incorrigible then and now.

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 June 21st 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK