

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON AUGUST 2<sup>nd</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 August 2<sup>nd</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 July 19<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:

**Sanitation:** Johnathan Adams, Assistant Supervisor, selected Jagger Taylor to fill the vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Taylor accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 7/27/21. 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.

**Resolution to Accept Bid for Airport Fuel**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1213** to accept a bid for Airport Fuel from Titan Aviation Based on the Fuel Index and a Fuel Truck Price of \$750.00 a month. Bids were sought and received Titan Aviation was the low bidder. This is a four-year contract. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution for Highway 69 Request**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1214** to request the development and building of passing lanes on Alabama Highway 69 Between Cullman and Arab. This comes from a request from Arab to support this effort. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Surplus Brush Truck**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1215** to Surplus a 2002 GMC Brush Truck VIN# 1GDP7H1C72J500201 from Public Works. This will be sold to County District 3 for \$12,000. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Accept Bice Drive**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1216** to accept Bice Drive from Guntersville Electric Board. This is a road off Highway 79 off Creek Ridge Road that was thought to be a City road and it was discovered that it was on the Electric Board deed. This is to correct this and accept as a city street. Councilman Whitaker asked if it had a 50 ft right of way, and Jimmy Hanson reported that he did not know, but would check. Motion to accept the road that is curbed and guttered and in good shape as a city street. Motion to accept was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Traffic Control Ordinance**

Mayor Dollar introduced the Traffic Control Ordinance and called on Kelsey Yoste who explained the ordinance for the first reading. Kelsey reported that this ordinance would create the appointment of a traffic control officer to regulate signage and address traffic issues. This person would report to the Council. This ordinance follows state law on uniform traffic control. Mayor Dollar stated she planned to appoint Police Chief Peterson to this position. This is the first reading and will be acted upon at the next council meeting.

**AT&T Franchise Agreement**

The next item on the agenda is the AT&T Franchise Agreement and it needed to be carried over. Motion to table was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Tourism Funding Request**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a request for Tourism Money Request from Mountain Valley Arts Council. The Arts Council had requested \$16,500.00 and the committee had recommended partnering with them with an award of \$11,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Board Appointments**

Mayor Dollar reported that letters of interest had been sought for a vacancy on the School Board. After interviews the committee had selected Bethany Ethridge. Mayor Dollar also recommended School Board Reappointment of Laura Kappler-Roberts and Museum Board appointment of Sara Hembree-Murphree. Motion to accept all 3 nominees was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Announcements**

- School starts August 11<sup>th</sup>
- The Pinta is docked at the Harbor July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Dollar announced that City Attorney Dan Warnes had recommended that the Council go into executive session to discuss two possible lawsuits and negotiations concerning the use of City Property. Motion to go into executive session was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray      | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar   | Yes |

The Council went upstairs to go into executive session at 12:15 and the session started at 12:20 and was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers at 1:10 p.m.

**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 August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2021**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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