

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON AUGUST 16<sup>th</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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 August 2<sup>nd</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 Nathaniel Boswell to fill the vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Boswell accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 8/16/21. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution for ARPA Grant for Airport**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1217** for American Rescue Plan Act Grant Application for the Airport. This grant is for \$32,000 with no match. Motion to apply for the grant and for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution for Walking Trail Lighting**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1218** to Authorize Walking Trail Lighting Maintenance Agreement with ALDOT. ALDOT will issue the permit on state right of way to light the walking trail when the City submits the agreement to maintain the lighting. Motion to maintain the lights was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to hire Frazier Lanier and Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1219** to Hire Frazier Lanier as Investment Banker and Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP as Bond Counsel for a potential new high school. Mayor Dollar reported that since the voters had voted down additional millage in the recent special election, the School Board had come up with another plan. The compensation of these firms would only occur if the bond was issued and there was no cost to the City if they were not issued. Councilman Whitaker stated that he was excited that the school had a new plan, but asked that it be reported to the Council the difference in the rates the school board or the City doing the bond. Councilman Whitaker stated that the agreement must be for the amount of the debt not just the ½ cent, in case that was not enough to make the payment in the future. He stated the main goal is to save the citizens money. Motion to approve the hiring was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**AT&T Franchise Agreement**

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes to discuss the AT&T Franchise Agreement. Mr. Warnes reported that this is to extend the April 2017 that has run out for a 5-year term to end March 31, 2025. This 5-year term is the same as Charter/Spectrum. Motion to approve agreement was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Traffic Control Ordinance**

Mayor Dollar reported the traffic control ordinance was carried over from the last council meeting and is ready for action. This will provide a Traffic Control Officer to maintain the streets of the City. Kelsey reported that this will abolish the unused traffic control committee and will comply with State regulations to monitor and control any traffic issues in the city. Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 1125** was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**Announcements:**

- Pinta will be at the harbor thru Aug 22
- Labor Day is Sept 6: Council Meeting will move to Sept 7 noon
- The State of the City Breakfast will be Aug 25 at 7:30 at Gunter's Landing.

**Public Comments:**

- Dr. Jason Barnett of Lakeshore Drive thanked the City for hiring the bond firms, stated that he thought they had a great plan, and will look at the rates.
- Eddie Allen of Willow Beach Road reported that the tennis court new LED lights were installed on the existing poles and that they need to be on the sides because it was not safe to serve looking into the lights. He asked that this be studied. Mayor Dollar stated the Matt Bryant would be asked to investigate.

Mayor Dollar stated on the advice of counsel that there is a need for discussion of an agreement concerning city property and asked for a motion to go into executive session upstairs and that no further action would be taken by the council.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers at 5:16 and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Upstairs the meeting started at 5:21 and ended at 6:06 on a motion by C. Russell, seconded by C. Whitaker and a voice vote of all council members.

Meeting adjourned

**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 September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 12:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021**

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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