

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON OCTOBER 4th 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on October 4th 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 September 20th 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 Vontean Allen to fill a vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Allen accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee today, 9/22/21. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Vehicle for Fire Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1228** to surplus a 2006 Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71WX6X130790 with no transmission from the Fire Department to be sold on govdeals.com. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Yearly Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1229** to accept the following Yearly Bids:

1. Ready Mix Concrete Class A: Kirkpatrick Concrete
2. Crushed Limestone: Madison Materials and C. A. Langford
3. Plant Mix No. 416: Whitaker Contracting
4. Traffic Striping: J.C. Cheek Contractors Inc
5. Hot Bituminous Pavement: Whitaker Contracting
6. General Cleaning Supplies: Marshall Industrial
7. Recycling/Trash Bags: Unipak
8. Athletic Uniforms: Ross Originals
9. T-Shirts and Screen Printing: Great Armadillo Printing Co

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

Resolution to Accept Railroad Avenue Paving Project

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1230** to accept the bid for the Railroad Avenue (Scott Street to Taylor Street) Project at a bid cost of \$830,986.70 with Whitaker Contracting being the low bidder. Mayor Dollar announced there were 4 bidders and Whitaker Contracting was significantly lower. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2021/2022 Budget

Mayor Dollar introduced the 2021/2022 Budget. Mayor Dollar stated that she had consulted with all the Department Heads to assess the needs of the City and had conservatively estimated the income for the coming year. All needs of the Departments had been met and she proposed a 5% COLA to be paid in January also a one time raise of \$500.00 to fulltime employees and \$250.00 to part-time employees. Also, the health insurance increased 5.9% and the City will absorb the cost for the individuals and will increase the family coverage cost to 72% City and 28% employee. She stated the City is in great financial shape and money is budgeted for many major projects.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to carry over for more time to study and was seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Downtown Merchants Lake City Fallfest is October 8th and 9th

Public Comments:

Joel Kennamer of 1217 Taylor Mill spoke to the Council stating that the City did not advertise bids for the paving on Railroad Avenue and that all the recent paving was in violation of the law. He stated the bid on asphalt was under public works which is a fixed price bid and the City did not follow the law. Mr. Kennamer said the City erred on eminent domain on removing TVA restrictions on the Harbor property. He stated he intended to file criminal complaints against the Council soon.

Mayor Dollar stated for the record that the bids for Railroad Avenue were advertised in the Advertiser Gleam, Huntsville Times, Mobile Register and Birmingham News.

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 October 18th 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK