

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20<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 September 20<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 September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 William L. Nixon to fill a vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Nixon accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee today, 9/20/21.

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 for Yearly Funding at the Airport**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1225** for an application for Annual Funding for the Airport. The grant application for 2022 is for approximately \$1.5 million for taxiway and paving. This gives the Mayor authority to apply on behalf of the city. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Transportation Agreement**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1226** to approve Third Party Transportation Services for Public Transportation. This is our annual service contract with Mountain Lakes Behavioral that we have had since 1993. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Accept Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1227** to Accept the 2020 Marshall County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and called on Fire Chief Brian Waldrop to report to the council. Chief Waldrop stated this is to identify potential hazards and is renewed every 5 years to meet eligibility requirements for FEMA reimbursement. Motion to update our current agreement with Marshall County was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Ordinance for Bond Issue**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1226** to provide for the issuance by the City of its General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021-B, and Taxable General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021-C, along with Related Agreements and Documents and called on Bob Young to report to the council. Mr. Young reported that the bonds sold for 2.48% for 30 years due to the sound credit standing of the City with an S&P Rating of AA-. Mr. Young complimented the City and the School Board working together to accomplish this project. Rod Kanter, bond attorney reported to the Council that this ordinance also included the funding agreement between the City and the School System. The School Board has agreed for the City to use the 1.5 cent sales tax to repay the debt so this will not affect the City's General Fund. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to suspend the rules for Immediate Consideration since this was an ordinance. The motion was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and was passed unanimously by 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

Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 1226** was made by C. Russell, seconded by C. John Myers 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

**Appoint Police Chief as Traffic Control Officer**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to appoint the Police Chief as Traffic Control Officer. Mayor Dollar reported that when the traffic control ordinance was passed the City had failed to appoint at that time. Motion to appoint the Police Chief was made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Announcements:**

- Mountain Valley Arts Fall Concerts in the park every Thursday through October
- WBS presenting Fright in the Night
- Merchants Fall Fest Oct 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- Happy Birthday to Councilman Dink Myers

**Public Comments:**

- Superintendent Jason Barnett of 1321 Lakeshore stated that he was excited about the support and was ready for the real work to begin on the new High School.
- Linda Harber of 3018 Woodview thanked the City for not raising property taxes and hoped this school would be built to last a long time.
- Whitney Mastin 128 Lake Creek Dr thanked the City for cooperation and working with the School Board and that this was a plan all could be proud of.
- Laura Roberts 251 Oakcrest Dr thanked the City and said this was a huge step for the future in teacher recruitment and to raise academics.
- Councilman Whitaker reminded the public to keep sales tax up by shopping local to keep the tax base.

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

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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