

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON NOVEMBER 1ST 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on November 1st 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, and Rich Russell. Dink Myers and Randy Whitaker 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. Mayor Dollar introduced each one of the Mayor's Youth Council and announced that this was the first time they had been able to attend a Council Meeting.

Minutes

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the November 18th 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 announced that there was no Personnel Report.

Resolution to Appoint City Officials

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1233** to appoint the following City Officials:

Betty Jones	City Clerk-Treasurer
Jim Peterson	Police Chief
Brian Waldrop	Fire Chief
Shannon Mitchell	City Judge
Dan Warnes	City Attorney

Motion to approve appointments was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution to Surplus Senior Center Van

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1234** to surplus a van for the Senior Center, a 2007 Econoline Van VIN# 1FDWE35L77DA27209, to be transferred to West Alabama Transportation in Selma. This donation is a request from the State of Alabama. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance to Surplus Parcel of City Property

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance to surplus parcel 15-02-10-4-003-056.002. Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes who reported to the Council that this was at the request of a land owner who was landlocked by City property at the corner of Williamson and Carlisle Streets. This strip of land is approximately an 8-foot-wide strip and will allow the landowner access to her property. The County tax assessor valued the land at \$700.00. This is the first reading of the ordinance and will be carried over for action at the next meeting.

Engine Brake Ordinance

Mayor Dollar introduced the engine brake ordinance as a first reading. Dan Warnes reported to the Council that this would prohibit the use of engine brakes in the City except in the northbound lane of Highway 431 from Highway 205 to the intersection of Wyeth Drive and Alabama Highway 227 from Hustleville Road to the intersection of Signal Point Road. Councilman Russell asked if it could be from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Chief Peterson stated that the safety factor does not go away with time and safety must be put first. Mike McCormack of 7080 Highway 79 South stated that the trucks are not muffled correctly and that was more of a problem than the brakes. Business owners need to have the correct mufflers on their equipment. Mr. McCormack stated that Highway 79 needed to be included in the area where the engine brakes were needed. Terry Kennamer of 1207 Railroad Avenue also spoke stating that the unmuffled trucks needed to be addressed. Mr. Kennamer volunteered to show the Council the difference in the trucks with correct mufflers. Councilman Russell asked if it is unlawful to be unmuffled? Mr. Kennamer stated that the critical part is to outlaw the unmuffled vehicles and that this is a problem on smaller vehicles too, not just tractor-trailer trucks. Councilman Russell suggested imposing the drivers and the company with the same fine. Dan Warnes stated that he would amend the ordinance to include that area on Highway 79 and fines for both drivers and companies. This will be carried over to the next council meeting for action.

Marshall County Tourism and Sports Contract

Mayor Dollar called on Katy Norton to give the yearly report on Marshall County Tourism and Sports contract. Mrs. Norton stated that tourism is increasing in the County with new campsites being developed and the new Sand Mountain Sports Complex located in Albertville. A new sports manager has been hired, Shonda Walls and a new sports website has been installed. Mrs. Norton stated that Hydrofest in Guntersville would celebrate the 1962 setting of the speed record on Lake Guntersville. Motion to approve the yearly contract was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Chamber of Commerce Contract

Mayor Dollar called on Morri Yancy of the Chamber of Commerce for her yearly report. Mrs. Yancy reported a makeover of the website and renewed contract with Alabama Magazine and reported that the Chamber does a lot of their advertising preparation in house. Councilman Russell made a motion to approve the yearly contract and was seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements

- The City will be closed on Veterans Day November 11th
- The City will also be closed November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving
- December 6th meeting will be moved to December 7th at 8:30 a.m. followed by a trip to Cargill

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 November 15th 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK