**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**HELD ON JANUARY 18th 2022**

Council met in a pre-meeting at 4:30 p.m. Dan Warnes advised the Council that there is a need to discuss possible litigation and that he advised the Council to go into Executive Session to discuss. Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously on a roll call vote at 4:42 p.m. with Sanchez Watkins being absent. The Council came out of Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote. 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: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins was absent. Shelly Thomas 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 December 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 on Renea Rowan to give the following Personnel Report:

**Sanitation:** Johnathan Adams selected applicant Brandon Hanvey to fill the open position of Laborer. Mr. Hanvey accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 1/10/2022.

**Police Department:** Lt. Roy Brown selected applicant Austin Abercrombie to fill the open position of Detention/Booking Officer. Mr. Abercrombie accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 1/12/2022.

Following an interviewing process, Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell recommends the promotion of Officers Mark Fortune and Chris Bishop to the position of Sergeant. Officers Fortune and Bishop assumed their new positions of Sergeant on 1/5/2022. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Council Members present

**Recreation Center Phase I Change Order**

Mayor Dollar recommended that the Recreation Center Phase I Change Order be tabled. Motion to table was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Alabama Gas Tax Disbursement Report**

Mayor Dollar called on Building Official Jimmy Hanson who gave the following report:

As required by the new Rebuild Alabama Law, I am reporting to the Council the collection in the amount of $57,155.19 has been received this year and is being saved for use on future projects.

**Weed/Grass Abatement for 1513 West Street**

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe concerning the Weed/Grass Abatement for Brian Hayes for property located at 1513 West Street. Mrs. Smythe explained that at the Council had approved for the City to do the cleanup at this location at the November 15th 2021 Council Meeting and that the total was $950.00. A certified letter will be sent to Mr. Hayes notifying him of the bill for the cleanup and he has 30 days to respond. If he does not respond or refuses then the next step will be for the Council to consider putting a lien on the property. Councilman Whitaker asked Mrs. Smythe if she had gotten any responses from Mr. Hayes from any prior contact and she stated no. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to approve the bill for $950.00 to be sent to Mr. Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation**

Mayor Dollar read a Proclamation declaring January 2022 as Big Brothers and Big Sisters Month in the City of Guntersville.

**Announcements**

* Baseball and Softball signups have begun at the Recreation Center

**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 February 7th 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022**

 **CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA**

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **SHELLY THOMAS, ACTING CITY CLERK**