

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON March 21st 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on March 21st 2022 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, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, and Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Larry Wilson and John Myers was absent. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Rich Russell. 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 March 7th 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:

Police Department: After an interviewing process Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell has selected Austin Abercrombie to fill the vacant position of Police Officer. Mr. Abercrombie currently is a full-time employee with the City in the position of Detention Officer. Mr. Abercrombie accepted our offer. Chief Peterson and Renea Rowan approve the promotion of Mr. Abercrombie to the position of a Rookie Police Officer. Mr. Abercrombie will be required to successfully complete the Policy Academy and become certified under APOST. This was a replacement. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution with ALDOT on Parking Lot at Scott Street

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1243** for a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation. This agreement is for the work on Scott Street including drains, two ADA ramps, sidewalks, landscaping and flashing lights for cross walk. The City agrees to maintain in the future. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for Horticulture and Fire Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1244** to surplus the following items to be sold on govdeals.com

Horticulture

2007 Ford F150 VIN# 1FTRF12W17NA73985

Fire Department

Radio Equipment and Emergency Lights

Motion to approve the resolution to was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Southern Fare Social Club

Mayor Dollar announced that the hearing for Southern Fare Ventures DBA 1893 Social Club will not be held due to lack of advertising and will be reset for next agenda on April 4th at 12:00 noon.

Public Hearing for Legends Bar & Grill

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Legends Bar & Grill Inc DBA Legends Bar & Grill located at 7001 Valmonte Dr, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Hearing for JD's Grill Steak & Seafood

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for JD's Grill Steak & Seafood DBA JD's Grill Steak & Seafood located at 14401 US Hwy 431, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Hearing for Guntersville Brewers Cooperative

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for a Brewpub Restaurant License for Guntersville Brewers Cooperative LLC DBA The Brewers Cooperative located at 299 Scott Street, Guntersville AL. Mayor Dollar called on Kelsey Yoste to discuss the changes to the Brewpub law. Mrs. Yoste reported that the original bill did restrict brewpub to Historic or economic distressed areas, but in 2016 the law changed to take that restriction out and allow in other areas throughout the state. Mrs. Yoste had confirmed the change also with ABC and the Brewers Association. No one spoke in opposition. Michael Kirkpatrick of 1065 Point of Pines spoke in support stating that he knew the owners and that this would be an asset for the City. Susan Smith of 42 Deer Run in Warrenton spoke in favor of the experienced and responsible businessmen that have made a significant investment in our City. Motion to approve license was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Set Public Hearing for Another Broken Egg

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for ABE Guntersville Inc DBA Another Broken Egg located at 2469 Paddle Wheel Drive, Guntersville AL. Motion to set hearing for April 4th at 12:00 noon was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Transportation Software Contract

Mayor Dollar called on Lori Kirkland to talk about the Public Transportation Software Contract. Mrs. Kirkland stated this was new software that was for dispatching and billing. It is federally funded and is \$843.00 per month and the 20% match for the City was approximately \$170.00 per month. There would also be a cost for tablets and air cards. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

AT&T Easement

Mayor Dollar reported on the AT&T Easement that a description was needed and asked for a motion to carry over. Motion was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements

- Friends of the Library Sale this Thursday, Friday & Saturday at the Library Media Room
- Chamber Banquet March 31st at The Harbor
- Antique Boat Show the first weekend in June

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 April 4th 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK