

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON March 7th 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 7th 2022 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, and Rich Russell. Randy Whitaker was absent. Shelly Thomas 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 February 21st 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 Mr. Dray Hubble to fill the vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Hubble accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 2/24/22. This was a replacement.

Fire Department

An interviewing committee selected Mr. Hanon Speight to fill the vacant position of Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Speight accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin employment as a full-time Rookie Firefighter on 3/9/22. This is a replacement.

Airport

Gary Mellquham selected Mr. Joshua King to fill the new full-time position of Airport Lineman. Mr. King accepted our job offer and began employment as a full-time employee on 3/2/2022. This is an addition to the department that was budgeted in the FY21-22 budget.

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

Public Hearing for The Hadwin House

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for a Wine License for the Hadwin House LLC DBA Hadwin House, located at 355 Gunter Ave, Suite 1, Guntersville AL (due to change in location). No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Set Public Hearing for 1893 Social Club

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Restaurant Liquor License for the Southern Fare Ventures DBA 1893 Social Club located at 320 Blount Ave, Guntersville AL. Motion to set the hearing for March 21st was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for Legends Bar & Grill

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Restaurant Liquor License for Legends Bar & Grill Inc DBA Legends Bar & Grill located at 7001 Valmonte Dr, Guntersville AL. Motion to set the hearing for March 21st was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for JD's Grill Steak & Seafood

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Restaurant Liquor License for JD's Grill Steak & Seafood DBA JD's Grill Steak & Seafood located at 14401 US Hwy 431, Guntersville, AL. Motion to set the hearing for March 21st was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for 1893 Social Club

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Brewpub License for Guntersville Brewers Cooperative LLC DBA The Brewers Cooperative located at 299 Scott Street, Guntersville AL. Motion to set the hearing for March 21st was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Emmett Smith Contract

Mayor Dollar introduced a contract renewal for architectural and engineering service with Emmett Smith & Associates, Architect, PC. This contract is not binding and is renewed every 5-years. The City currently has 2 projects with them at this time. Motion to approve the contract renewal was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Old Highway 205 Property Abatement of Nuisance

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes and Cheryl Smythe to report on the abatement of nuisance at property located at 0 Old Alabama Highway 205 N, PIN# 24611/24613. The City needs to identify the appropriate owner of the property before they can move forward with tearing down the vacant structure. Mayor asked if Melanie Moses or Lonnie Peppers (representative Susan Pell) was in the audience and they were not. Dan Warnes is requesting to file a declatory judgement with the circuit court to decide who owns the property. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funding Approval

Mayor Dollar announced that the Tourism Committee had received a request from Marshall County Sports and Tourism for \$50,000.00 for the HydroFest. This money comes from the nightly surcharge fees. Councilman Rich Russell asked if this money was in the budget and Mayor Dollar answered yes it was. Motion to approve the funding was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements

- Mayor Dollar congratulated the Lady Wildcats Basketball Team for their State Title Victory
- Mayor invites everyone to run with her in the Wild Irish Run
- Next Council Meeting will be 3/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Announcements

- Joel Kennamer of 1217 Taylor Mill – Stated that his road had not been paved in 35 years. He then read a portion of the Alabama Brewpub Act and stated that the criteria for the brewpub being located at the Harbor was not met.
- Billy Todd of 1519 Willow Beach Road – Said that he had received a Welcome Packet from the Chamber stated that there was no information for the local Republican Party, only the Democratic one, and asked why that was. Mayor Dollar said she would get with Morri Yancy at the Chamber.

Mayor Dollar stated there would be a Work Session at 1:00 p.m.

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 March 21st 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SHELLY THOMAS, ACTING CITY CLERK