

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON APRIL 4th 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on April 4th 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 and Randy Whitaker. 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 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:

Police Department: Following an interviewing process, Toni Clark, Communications Supervisor, selected Mr. Dakota Cox to fill the vacant position of Communications Officer. Mr. Cox accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 3/28/22. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution with for Henry Street

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution to vacate the eastern-most, end-section of Henry Street for WSRW LLC (Dixie Grinders). Attorney Scott Yoste explained to the Council that Dixie Grinders wished to build offices at the end of Henry Street up to the current line. Dixie Grinders, Mr. Kenneth Martin and TVA had joined in the request and agreed to manage the property if the city vacates. Mr. Yoste stated that the utilities that had utilities on the easement would continue to have an easement and that Marshall County Gas that has no present gas lines would have a future easement for the property as set out in Code 23-4-20. The Electric and Water had no opposition to the vacation of the property. Councilman Whitaker asked if the water board had sewer there and Mr. Yoste stated they do not, but under this code would have access to add it later. This will also apply to the Gas Board. Councilman Russell made a motion to table until there is action from the Board of Adjustments and the council have time to evaluate future impacts this would have on the City. Councilman Whitaker seconded and motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Councilman Whitaker stated that the applicant was asked to go to the Board of Adjustments and ask for a variance to go to the property line and that leaves the 60 feet in the hands of the City of Guntersville. Also, with a favorable vote this would allow the applicant to do exactly what they want to do. Also remember that if we needed to go on the property for utility access the city would have to restore the parking lot if it were messed up. Mayor Dollar stated that this is what the Board of Adjustments does is to allow a change of distance on the lot line. Councilman Russell stated that if Counsel had no objections the Board of Adjustments should be advised that the Council had no objections to the adjustment.

Ordinance for AT&T Easement

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance for a AT&T Easement at Hardin Road and Lindsey Lane. AT&T has had equipment there for years and realized that they did not have a formal easement and offered the City \$3500 for the easement. This will carry over for action at the next meeting.

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1068

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1068 to Revise the Restaurant Lounge Liquor Hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. when a restaurant could start serving. This has been requested by a future restaurant that opens at 7:00 a.m. This is the first reading of the ordinance and will carry over to the next meeting.

Public Hearing for Southern Fare Social Club

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will serve as a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Southern Fare Ventures DBA 1893 Social Club located at 320 Blount Avenue, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve license was made by Councilman Russell and was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed 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	Abstain
4. Carson Ray	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for Another Broken Egg

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for ABE Guntersville Inc DBA Another Broken Egg located at 2469 Paddle Wheel Drive, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed 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	Abstain
4. Carson Ray	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Set a Public Hearing for Levi's on the Lake

Mayor Dollar Entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for a Lounge Liquor License for Levi's On The Lake, LLC DBA Levi's On The Lake located at 2451 Paddle Wheel Drive, Guntersville AL. Motion to set hearing April 18 was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements

- Opening season for Baseball will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Bill Moore Field.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Civitan Park Saturday morning at 9:30
- The City will close for Good Friday
- The Downtown Merchants Spring Fling and Art on the Lake are April 23-24

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 18th 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK