

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON APRIL 18th 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 18th 2022 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 4:00 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 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 April 4th 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:

Fire Department: Following an interviewing process, Chief Brian Walls has selected Karson Sevigny to fill the vacant position of Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Sevigny has accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin his employment as a full-time employee on 4/21/22. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance Concerning AT&T Easement

Mayor Dollar announced that the following ordinance for an AT&T easement was carried over from last meeting.

Ordinance No. 1130 is for equipment on Lindsey Lane. AT&T realized that it did not have a formal easement even though the equipment had been there for years. They agreed to pay the City \$3,500. Motion to approve easement was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Whitaker 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1068 – Restaurant Hours

Mayor Dollar announced that the following ordinance was also carried over from last meeting. **Ordinance No. 1131** is to amend the portion of Ordinance No. 1068 concerning the Restaurant Lounge Liquor Hours for restaurants to be able to serve liquor starting at 7:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers 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 | Abstain |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

First Reading of Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1068 – Add 170 Retail Common Carrier

Mayor Dollar announced that this is first reading to add a category for boat liquor to Ordinance No. 1068. This would amend the current ordinance and add the category of 170 Retail Common Carrier. This will be carried over for action at the next meeting

First Reading of Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1004

Mayor Dollar announced that this is first the reading to add additional persons to manage the cemetery and amend Ordinance No. 1004 to add additional people to the Building Official's (Manager of the Cemetery) responsibility to approve issues and make decisions regarding the cemetery. This will Carry over for action at the next council meeting

Pool Change Order

Mayor Dollar called on Matt Bryant to address a change order for the pool at the Recreation Center. Matt Bryant explained that an additional \$17,250.00 is needed for material and labor to install Torque-Lock structural staples in the pool along structural cracks. Councilman Whitaker asked if this company had fixed cracks like this before and Matt gave several examples of their work. Councilman Wilson asked if it would be smooth and Matt said that it would. Councilman Russell asked Matt to confirm that the strength would compress to 3408 psi and Matt confirmed that he would ask the question. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Levi's on the Lake

Mayor Dollar announced that due to lack of advertising the Council needed to re-set the 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 for May 2nd. Motion to reset was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Gitano Inc

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a 170 Retail Common Carrier License for Gitano Inc DBA Lake and River Fun Located at 100 Marina Ln, D424, Guntersville AL Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for City Harbor Events Center

Mayor Dollar Entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a Special 360 Retail License for City Harbor Events Center LLC DBA City Harbor Events Center Located at 2465 Paddle Wheel Dr Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing

Mayor Dollar Entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Big Mike's Gunterville LLC DBA Big Mike's Steakhouse Located at 2457 Paddle Wheel Drive. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funding Request

Mayor Dollar announced a request by the Downtown Merchant for funding of tourism activities was voted on by the Tourism Committee in the amount of \$12,000.00 (up from \$11,000.00). This includes the Spring Fling, Fall Festival and Night Before Christmas. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

School Update

Mayor Dollar called on Jason Barnett, Superintendent of Gunterville City School System to give a School Update on the ½ cent additional tax as agreed upon for a yearly report. Mr. Barnett reported a 14.6% increase in the tax with a yearend of \$1.9 million. Mr. Barnett gave a written report of expenditures to the Council.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar Made the following recommendations for Board Appointments:

School Board: Whitney Mastin

Museum Board: John Ross, Sonny Lewis, Carolyn Lusk, Deborah Cornelius, and Val Jones

Board of Adjustments: Bert Bray & Gaylon Hamilton

Motion for approval was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Veteran's Park/Memorial Thoughts/Statement

The City deeply appreciates the service of all of our veterans and a space designated to honor and remember our veterans will be designated.

On numerous occasions, I have stated that the City wants to partner with the Veteran's group to make this project a reality. The City has never received detailed plans or cost estimates to know what we can or cannot help with. We need more information before we commit any City resources.

The City also wants the park to be in a location that the community as a whole can support. We do not want the location to be polarizing for our community.

We are stewards of the city's resources. Due diligence requires that we consider the views of our citizens and that a selected location is consistent with our long-range plans for our parks and amenities. We will not be hasty in making a decision.

Announcements

- DownTown Merchants Spring Fest and Art on the Lake this next weekend
- April 20th is the Composting Workshop at Errol Allen Park
- Shoreline Cleanup Friday the April 22nd

Mayor Dollar opened the floor for comments from the audience. The following persons spoke:

- Bill Brennan of 55 Mt. Laurel Lane, Gunterville
- Billy Todd of 1519 Willow Beach Road, Gunterville
- Adam Cordell of 321 Weaver Road, Albertville
- Johnny E. Brown of Gunterville
- Scott Gedling of Arab
- John Tuck 1609 Bethsaida Road, Boaz
- Larry Walker of 98 Alissa Lane, Grant
- Kenney Hoffmaster of 68 Burroughs Loop, Scottsboro
- Stephen Connolly of 3785 Turnpike Road, Albertville
- Mike Conner of 225 Rock Hill Road, Gunterville
- Nancy Connolly of 3785 Turnpike Road, Albertville
- Dave Dunn of 73 Pinegrove Road, Albertville
- Tom Rickstraw of 3020 Grace Church Road, Albertville
- Bill Franklin of 4328 Vista Drive, Gunterville

All speakers spoke passionately about the park being located in the green area along the walking trail before the meeting was adjourned.

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 May 2nd 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF MAY, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK