

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON MAY 2nd 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on May 2nd 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. 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 April 18th 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: Applicants Mr. Christian Slusher and Mr. Damian Cervantes has been selected by Lt. Roy Brown to fill the open positions of Detention Officer. Both have accepted our job offer. Mr. Slusher began his employment today 5/2/22 and Mr. Cervantes is scheduled to begin his employment on 5/4/22. Both positions are full-time replacements. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Floating Piers from Harbor

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1245** to surplus the floating piers that were removed from the Harbor and will be sold on govdeals. She read the following description:

- 4 pieces: 40' x 8' x 4'
- 1 piece: 75' x 8' x 4'
- 1 piece: 64' x 8' x 4'
- 2 pieces: 20' x 8' x 4'

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

Resolution to Accept Bid for Airport Fencing

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1246** to accept the bid to finish the fencing at the Airport. This project will be paid for with funds from an FAA Grant. Bids were opened on April 7th 2022 and the low bidder was B & B Developers, LLC with the amount up to \$825,410.00. This will be contingent on FAA approval. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Bid for Scott Street Parking Paving

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1247** to approve the bid for the Scott Street parking lot paving. The Public Works crew was able to do a lot of the prepwork to save the City some money. Bids were opened on April 21st 2022 and the low bidder was Whitaker Contracting Corp in the amount of \$299,043.00. Motion to approve the bid was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for the Tennessee Riverline Program

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1248** for the City to partner with the Tennessee Riverline Program. The Council has previously voted to approve this partnership but the Tennessee Riverline Program needed it to be passed by a resolution. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Brush Truck for Public Works

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1249** to approve the purchase of a brush truck from the State Bid List for the Public Works Department. The truck is a 2023 Freightliner Brush Truck (Loader/Dump Body/Chassis M2 106) in the amount of \$199,014.52 from Petersen Industries. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1068 – Addition to Add 170 Retail Common Carrier

Mayor Dollar announced that the following ordinance was carried over from last meeting. **Ordinance No. 1132** is to amend the portion of Ordinance No. 1068 to add the category of 170 Retail Common Carrier. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell 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 |

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 1004

Mayor Dollar announced that the following ordinance was carried over from last meeting. **Ordinance No. 1133** would 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.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson 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 |

Public Hearing for Levi's on the Lake

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as 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. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license 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 |

Public Hearing for Gitano Inc

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as 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. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman John 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 |

Hearing for City Harbor Events Center

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion or the meeting would serve as 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, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Ray 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 |

Public Hearing for Big Mike's Steakhouse

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Big Mike's Guntersville LLC DBA Big Mike's Steakhouse Located at 2457 Paddle Wheel Drive. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the license 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 |

Proclamation for the Lady Wildcats Basketball Team

Mayor Dollar read a proclamation congratulating the Guntersville Lady Wildcats Basketball Team on their 2022 State Championship and then presented the proclamation to the coaches and team.

Announcements

- Mountain Valley Arts Council's Spring Concerts continue now thru the end of May
- The June 1st meeting will be a field trip for the Mayor and Council to visit some existing Veteran's Memorials/Parks
- Councilman Wilson mention the Lady Wildcats Soccer Team was playing in the 2nd round of the State Tournament this week
- Councilman Whitaker mention the article in the paper discussing 50 years ago the problems with the railroad crossing at Highway 227 and that the same problem was ongoing today and that the Mayor is still working to get cooperation with the railroad to repair the problems.
- Councilman Whitaker mentioned the Post Office needed mowing and Cheryl Smythe replied that she was working on that and Mayor Dollar stated that the City did not maintain that property
- Councilman Wilson also mentioned Dollar General on Highway 69 needed mowing as well and Cheryl Smythe replied that she is working on that as well.

Mark Mills stated that the City should look at repurposing the old floating piers that the Council had just surplused. He said that there was not going to be enough room in the Harbor for larger yachts and that the City could use those down along towards the River Bridge for those yachts. Mayor Dollar thanked him for his comments and stated that those piers were not in the best condition and there will be spots for larger yachts to dock on the back side of City Harbor.

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 16th 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 16th DAY OF MAY, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SHELLY THOMAS, ACTING CITY CLERK