

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON OCTOBER 3rd 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on October 3rd 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, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. John Myers, Carson Ray and Dink Myers was absent. 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 September 19th 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 announced that there was no Personnel Report tonight.

Resolution to Accept Yearly Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1274** to accept the following Yearly Bids:

- Ready Mix Concrete Class A: Kirkpatrick Concrete
- Crushed Limestone: Madison Materials and C. A. Langford
- Plant Mix No. 416: Whitaker Contracting and C. A. Langford
- Traffic Striping: J.C. Cheek Contractors Inc
- Hot Bituminous Pavement: Whitaker Contracting
- General Cleaning Supplies: Marshall Industrial
- Recycling/Trash Bags: Unipak
- Athletic Uniforms: Pro-Time Sports
- T-Shirts and Screen Printing: Ross Originals

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

Resolution to Accept Recycling Trailer Bids

Mayor Dollar stated that bids had been received for recycling trailers and recommended carrying this over to another meeting. Motion to carry over was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed on a voice vote of all council members present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for Public Works

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1275** to surplus items for Public Works. Mayor Dollar read the following:

- 4115 John Deer Riding Mower Vin # LV4115H310500
- 2000 Sterling Street Sweeper Mileage 109,747 Vin # 49H6WFAAHF42291
- Toro Z Master Commercial Mower 2000 Series Serial # 31600162

The equipment be sold on GovDeals. 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 Approve Purchase Agreement for New Fire Engine from Pierce

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1276** to approve purchase agreement for a new fire engine from Pierce. This is for new fire truck at a cost of \$736,775.93. This will be in the next budget year. Chief Waldrop reported that the City had started a replacement plan several years ago. Mayor Dollar thanked the Fire Department for the work done to get the ISO rating as a 2. Councilman Wilson stated he thought it was a good idea to have the long-term plan in place. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to commit to the cost of the new truck and Councilman Wilson seconded and it passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve the Barge Professional Services Agreement for ATRIP Application

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1277** to Approve the Barge Professional Services Agreement for the ATRIP Application. Ed Crawford with Barge stated this was for improvements at the Highway 69 intersection. This will create a right in and right out at the boat launch area, will upgrade the red light and greatly improve the crossing there. Councilman Whitaker asked what safety features there would be and Mr. Crawford stated they would be designed to ALDOT procedures. This was resolution is to approve the design at a price of \$9900.00. Motion to approve the Mayor to sign this agreement on behalf of the city and with the approval of the city attorney was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Kelly Group Master Services Agreement

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1278** to approve the Kelly Group Master Services Agreement pending approval by Dan Warnes. 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 Approve Memo of Understanding to Redistrict Council Districts

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1279** to Approve Memo of Understanding to Redistrict Council Districts. This will be work done by Alabama State University Center for Leadership and Public Policy in Montgomery who did our last redistricting. There can be no more than 5% differences in districts. The cost is not to exceed \$2500.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve the Demolition of 1721 Williamson Street

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1280** to Approve the Demolition of 1721 Williamson Street. Enforcement officer Cheryl Smythe reported to the council that all notifications had been made to the next of kin on this property and the time had expired after the certified letters had been received by them. Mrs. Smythe presented the request for demolition and asked that the Building Official take bids to demo. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Delivery of the 2021 Audit

Lori Criswell presented the 2021 Audit to the Council. She stated the City had a clean opinion, and gave assets of \$133,353,764 and liabilities of \$75,813,135 with operating balances as of Sept 30, 2021 of \$23,600,929. She asked the council to see pages 29 and 33 for details of property and debt. Motion to accept the audit was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed on a voice vote of all council members present.

Announcements:

- Downtown Merchants Fall Festival Oct 7th and 8th

Public Comments

Eddie Allen of Willow Beach asked the council if when the redistricts were done for the council, could the City ask the company to draw up 5 school districts for an elected school board and then get the citizens to vote on the issue of an elected school board.

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 October 17th 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK