

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Randy Whitaker. Rich Russell 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 July 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Mr. Bobby Guffey, is the applicant selected for the position of Communications Officer. Mr. Guffey has accepted our job offer and is scheduled to start his employment as a full-time employee on Aug.8, 2022. Recently committee interviews were conducted to fill the replacement of a Sergeants position. The committee select Officer Ken Bubbett. This promotion will be effective at the beginning of our next full payroll period which is 8/7/22. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution for Gasoline Tax Budget**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1267** for Gasoline Tax Budget. This is a yearly requirement by the Rebuild Alabama Act. The city plans to save the \$69,250 income for future paving projects. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution for the Use of ARPA Funds**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1268** for the Use of ARPA Funds. The Federal Government has allotted the City \$2,035,459.66 in two payments, one last year and one last week. The City wishes to use these funds on the projects at the Recreation Center where we feel it will have the most impact on the quality of life for our citizens. This would encourage outdoor activities, promote wellness and avoid COVID contact. Motion to approve this use of these funds was made by Councilman Watkins seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Hangar 22 Eviction Notice**

Mayor Dollar Called on Attorney Dan Warnes to report on the Hangar 22 Eviction Notice. Mr. Warnes reported that on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 he had notified Mr. Polletta that the lease would run out July 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. The hangar was not vacated after two ten-day notices and Mr. Warnes stated he was asking the council to allow him to apply evection procedures. He stated that Mr. Polletta had asked to address the council.

At first when called upon, Mr. Polletta said he had sent an email to the council and had no further comments. The Council had questions, so he came to the podium to answer. When asked by Councilman Ray, if he met the guidelines, he stated he had been a good active tenant that had recently sold the planes but planned to purchase more.

Michael Kirkpatrick who is next in line to receive a lease to a hangar stated that Mr. Polletta was not active for the last 5 years and used the hangar as a mini storage for planes that have not flown. According to his knowledge Mr. Polletta was not a pilot and did not own aircraft. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated the assets of the airport needed to be used for active airplanes and this is an FAA requirement. When asked how many planes he had he stated one at the community Homer Wilson hangar, a sea plane at his house, one in airport in Huntsville Executive Airport and one at Huntsville International airport. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated had served on the Advisory committee and was currently the chairman, but would recommend the eviction weather he was next on the list or not. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated the most pressing need of airports is the need of hangars and do away with the ones used for storage and it this case 18 persons were waiting for Guntersville hangars. He stated it was the right thing to do, due to the inactivity.

Airport Manager Gary McIlquham Stated that the community hangar would expire December 2022 and the building would be rented for a maintenance shop that would greatly help the airport with the rent it would pay and the service it would provide for the airport.

When asked, Gary McIlquham. reported that there are 31 on the waiting list for hangars now. He stated there is a shortage throughout the state.

Councilman Ray asked Mr. Polletta if he had an aircraft registered to him and Mr. Polletta stated they were registered to Kenny. Councilman Ray asked if him if he had a pilot's license and Mr. Polletta stated no.

Councilman Ray asked Gary McIlquham if he regularly leased to leaseholders with pilot licenses and Gary said yes and must own planes, insurance and be active.

Councilman Wilson asked are other hangars active? Do we enforce only when lease is up? Gary McIlquham stated there have been issues, they must be airworthy, carry insurance and purchase fuel. They can meet it if they fly once a year and are inspected. Dan Warnes stated that the new leases are month to month and can be terminated upon notice.

Councilman Myers asked if the Airport Advisory committee could call a special meeting and report back to the council their recommendations at the next council meeting? Councilman Whitaker asked for his motion to also recommend a reason for their recommendation and that it be understood the board would meet without Mr. Kirkpatrick since he was next on the list. Councilman Wilson seconded and the motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Consider a Special Event Permit for Crawbaby’s LLC**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Consider a Special Event Permit for Crawbaby’s LLC for the Marshall County EDC Industry Appreciation Dinner to be held at The Event Center located 301 Scott Street, Guntersville, on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**Set a Public Hearing for the Soak House and Soapery**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for an On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License for The Soak House and Soapery LLC DBA The Soak House and Soapery Located at 309 Blount Avenue, Guntersville AL Motion to set hearing for August 15<sup>th</sup> was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Set a Public Hearing for Phantastic Pho**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Phantastic Pho LLC DBA Phantastic Pho Located at 1906 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville AL. Motion to set hearing for August 15<sup>th</sup> was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Public Hearing for Zack Farris**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for a Rezoning Request by Zack Farris to Rezone Property Located at 2195 Taylor Street from RS-2 to Multi Family. This has been carried over several meetings. Zack Farris passed out plans to the council showing an entrance on Taylor Street and an entrance on Hill. He stated that if the council did not feel comfortable with the Hill Street entrance, he was fine with omitting it. He plans 4 to 6 apartments as space permits that would be privately owned.

When asked about number of parking spaces, Mr. Farris stated he thought 20 spaces could be provided. Councilman Whitaker asked Building Official if he knew how many would be required and Mr. Hanson answered he did not know.

Councilman Whitaker stated that he felt the better option was Taylor Street, so no driver errors could be made from Hill Avenue. Councilman Dink Myers agreed this was dangerous on Hill Ave. Mayor Dollar Stated that this portion would serve as a public hearing. There were no public comments received in opposition or support. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to approve the zoning change by **Ordinance No. 1135** with not entry on Hill Avenue, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed on the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers     | No      |
| 2. Larry Wilson    | Yes | 6. Rich Russell   | Absent  |
| 3. John Myers      | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Abstain |
| 4. Carson Ray      | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar   | Yes     |

**Announcements:**

- Big Mikes opening will be Wednesday at 4 p.m.
- The Compressive Plan is ready for public comment and is on the website and several places for the public to fill out the surveys
- School starts Friday

**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 August 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**