

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON OCTOBER 17th 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 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in Town Hall at 5:00 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, Rich Russell and Dink Myers. Randy Whitaker 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 October 3rd 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 Approve the Purchase of New Police Vehicles

Mayor Dollar called on Chief Peterson to talk about a resolution to approve the purchase of new police vehicles. Chief Peterson reported that a statewide email was sent out concerning the purchase of police vehicles, but he later found out that this did not pertain to our city and stated that no action was needed on this item.

Change Order for East Lake Project Due to Reduction in Cost

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to accept a change order for the East Lake Drainage project due to a reduction in cost of \$20,136.12 to bring contract to \$392,188.78. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on a voice vote of all council members present.

Approval of TVA Outreach Grant Application for \$5,000.00

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval of a TVA Outreach Grant Application in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is a grant of up to \$5,000.00 offered for educational projects and the City is applying for 5 kiosks on birding species on our walking trail. Motion to approve application was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2022-2023 Budget

Mayor Dollar introduced the 2022-2023 Budget citing a 10% raise for employees, a slight increase in price of family health coverage of a 75-25% split and single employee coverage in full, various large equipment purchases in each department, park renovations, Recycling Center, TAP grant match, state boat ramp match, Downtown improvements, Veterans park design, comprehensive plan, etc. Councilman Wilson stated that he would like to see a study in the comprehensive plan to include a site for another fire station upon recommendation of the fire committee and study of the plans we have as to how they would fit property. Motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for a Rezone Request by John Banks

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will serve as a public hearing for a rezone request by John Banks to rezone property located at 0 Carlisle Avenue from RM-1 to BG-1A. This has been approved by the Planning Commission and this is for the location of a car detail and car wash. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the rezone change by **Ordinance No. 1136** 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 | Absent |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Announcements:

- Guntersville High School Homecoming Parade this Friday at 2 p.m.
- Pink Pumpkin Run Saturday.

Public Comments

- Billy Todd of Willow Beach spoke stating that lots have been cleared for homes and are causing flooding issues on Sunset and Willow Beach. Mr. Todd stated that the Building Inspector never returns call and is not reliable. He asked if the City had plans to upgrade storm water drainage. Mr. Todd asked to meet with public works and stated he hated to complain.
- Personnel Director Renea Rowan thanked the council for the employee raise and stated this should help with retention and recruitment of employees.

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 November 7th 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK