

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON NOVEMBER 21st 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on November 21st 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 Rich Russell. 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 November 7th 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.

At the first of the meeting, Sara James of TARCOG held a short public meeting to have a close out public hearing on the Grant LR-CM-PF-19-001 project through ADECA for the drainage improvement project in the East Lake Area.

Personnel Report – Mayor Dollar called upon Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report:

Street/Maintenance: After working in a temporary status, Mr. Eric Johnson accepted our offer for a position of Laborer in a full-time status. He began employment as a full-time on 10/17/22.

Recycling: After working in a temporary status, Ms. Sherry Miller accepted our offer for a position of Laborer in a full-time status. She began employment as a full-time employee on 10/31/22.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Mrs. Rowan reported the retirement of Fire Chief Brian Waldrop as of January 1st, 2023.

Resolution to Appoint Fire Chief

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1286** to appoint Fire Chief Brian Walls effective January 1st 2023 to fill the vacancy left due to the retirement of Brian Waldrop. Motion of approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Trucks for Fire Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1287** to approve the purchase of a 2023 GMC Sierra 3500 Dually Flatbed and a 2023 GMC Sierra 3500 Single Wheel truck for the Fire Department off the State Bid List at a cost of \$63,376.50 and \$61,883.50, these are budgeted items. Motion to approve purchase was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Bid for New Truck for Recycling Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1288** to accept bid for a 3500 HD Crew Cab 4WD truck for the Recycling Department. Bids were sought and publicly opened on November 17th 2022 with Donohoo Chevrolet being the low bidder with a price of \$47,769.50. Motion to approve purchase to be used by the Recycling Department was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Change Order for Recreation Center Gym

Mayor Dollar called on Matt Bryant to explain to the Council a Change Order for Recreation Center Gym. Mr. Bryant stated this included scraping, prep & priming both racket ball courts and connecting hallway to gym. This was originally to be done in house but so much damage was discovered in the walls that it was determined to let the contractor handle at a cost up to \$ 14,000.00, this includes labor and materials. Motion to approve change order was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for a Request by Valley Holdings LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for a request by Valley Holdings LLC to vacate an alley that runs from Starnes Street to Carlisle Avenue. This is a platted alley only and part of it is in the middle of the property owned by Valley Holdings. This has been recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Annexation Request from Hampton Hills Subdivision LLC

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance for an annexation request from Hampton Hills Subdivision LLC by Matthew Hampton with M & K Properties LLC for property located on Wyeth Drive. This has been approved by the Planning Commission. This is the first reading of the Ordinance and will Carry over to next meeting for action.

Tourism Funding Approval

Mayor Dollar announced that the Tourism Committee has approved up to \$45,000.00 for entertainment for the 175th Anniversary of the City. This money will be used to hire the band Party on The Moon who will provide a three-hour show incorporating out local talent at the Whole Backstage and the Guntersville High School. This is part of a larger plan of festivities to commemorate the anniversary. 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.

Barge Designs – Veterans Park Site Analysis

Mayor Dollar introduced Steve Provost of Barge Designs to do a Veterans Park Site Analysis. Mr. Provost gave the pros and cons of four different sights and recommended the site beside the Farmers Market as the best site to draw the plan. Barge used the wishes of the Veterans and platted it on each of the sights. One site had too much rock and another had sinking areas with a soft base that would not support the features planned. Some were too restrictive and others too large. The final recommendation on Site D beside the farmers market area.

Councilman Russell made a motion to accept the report and authorize the Mayor to coordinate with the veterans as to how the selected site would be developed and report back to the council for a decision.

Councilman Wilson asked that it be put on the next agenda and notice be given to all concerned.

Councilman Russell withdrew his motion.

Councilman Ray asked if Barge had done all the work on this phase and would design after the council picked the site? The Mayor stated this was correct.

Mayor Dollar called on the Chairman of the Veterans and he stated that they had voted twice and picked the green space site and were “dug in” on this site and only half were still interested. He stated he was not sure how to work this out. Mayor Dollar stated she had received several phone calls stating that the Veterans just wanted a memorial completed.

It was decided to postpone to a later meeting to give notice to interested parties and that it needed to be an evening meeting.

Announcements:

- City to close Nov 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Lighting of Christmas Tree Errol Allen Park November 29th
- Lighting of Christmas Tree at City Harbor November 30th
- Merchant Night Before Christmas December 3rd

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 December 5th 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK