**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**HELD ON NOVEMBER 7th 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 7th 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, Rich Russell, Dink Myers and Randy Whitaker. 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 17th 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 upon Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report:

**Police Department:** Mr. Lance Robertson was made a job offer for the position of Police Officer. He has accepted our offer and is scheduled to start his employment on 11/15/22. Mr. Robertson is not APOST certified, therefore will be required to attend Police Academy. 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 Purchase of a New Dump Truck**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1281** to approve the purchase of a new dump truck for Public Works through Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. This is a 2023 tandem axle dump truck 66k GVW at a cost of $214,900.00. This was budgeted for last year and we hope to receive it this year. 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.

**Resolution to Purchase a John Deere Flex Wing Rotary Cutter**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1282** to purchase a John Deere Flex Wing Rotary Cutter thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for Public Works. This is at a cost of $19,979.28 and is a budgeted item. Councilman Russell asked Public Works Director Charlie Minor for a description of the mower and Mr. Minor explained that it has “bat wings” that spread out to mow large areas. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Lease a New Volvo A25G Articulated Hauler**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1283** to lease a new Volvo A25G Articulated Hauler thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for Public Works to use at the Landfill. This is a lease purchase for 48 months at $6,598.86 per month. Councilman Whitaker asked about the use of this equipment and Mr. Minor reported that it was to haul cover material and the by leasing, the company did the maintenance for the time of the lease and at the end the City could release or purchase. This is a budgeted item. 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 for Ice Machine Rental Agreement**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1284** for Ice Machine Rental Agreement for Recycling/Sanitation, Public Works and Horticulture. This cost is $150.00 installation and $189.00per month and is budgeted. 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 Engineering Drainage Agreement**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1285** to approve Engineering Drainage Agreement. This is to hire engineering services from JBW&T to conduct a drainage study for a cost of up to $75,000. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Byers Appeal for 3605 Smith Street**

Mayor Dollar stated that the next item on the agenda was the Byers Appeal for 3605 Smith Street and she was notified that their lawyer could not be at the Council meeting and asked that it be postponed until December 5th meeting. Motion to table until December 5th was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**LeCroy Cemetery Agreement**

Mayor Dollar reported that there had been survey error that had been corrected at the cemetery concerning the LeCroy family and that an agreement had been reached to remedy that by agreeing to bury three people in two plots at no charge to the family. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Tourism Funding Approval for Whole Backstage**

Mayor Dollar reported that tourism funding approval for Whole Backstage has been approved by the Tourism Committee for a repair of $14,500.00 to replace the main water line from the meter to the building. The Whole Backstage has experienced numerous water leaks and this has been an ongoing problem for some time. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for Council approval to grant this repair be done out of tourism funds. Motion to approve grant was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Marshall Co Tourism and Sports Annual Report and Contract**

Katy Norton gave the Marshall County Tourism and Sports Annual Report to the City and Councilman Whitaker made a motion to renew the yearly contract of one half of the Tourism fee collected by the City go Marshall County Tourism and Sports. Councilman Dink Myers seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Announcements:**

* Election Day is tomorrow
* A Ribbon Cutting for the new pocket park will be held at 1:00 p.m. today
* The Night Before Christmas will be December 3rd
* City will be closed for Veterans Day November 11th

**Public Comments**

* Susan Green addressed the council and asked why speakers were asked their address and Mayor Dollar stated it was for the minutes.

**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 21st 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022**

 **CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA**

 **A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**