

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON JANUARY 17th 2023**

The Council met in a premeeting at 4:00 p.m. with all Councilmembers present. Upon advice of City Attorney Dan Warnes that there was a need for discussion concerning pending ligation the council go into Executive Session. Motion at 4:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a roll call vote of all members. At 4:29 p.m. Councilman Russell made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote. Councilman Watkins left after the executive session

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in the Guntersville Town Hall in said city on January 17th 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting in the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. The following members of the Council were present: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. Councilman Watkins 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 January 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 called upon Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report:

City Garage: It is the recommendation of Renea Rowan that Jackie Kirkland be promoted to the position of Garage Supervisor. Mr. Kirkland is currently performing the duties of this position as our Interim Garage Supervisor. Mrs. Rowan recommend this change be effective 2/1/23.

Police Department: Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell makes the recommendation, with the approval of Chief Jim Peterson, for Officer Justin Rogers to be promoted to the position of Sergeant. Officer Rogers was the selection of an interviewing committee. Renea Rowan recommend this promotion to be effective today 1/17/23. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Chief Peterson then presented the Sergeant’s badge to Officer Rogers.

Public Hearing for Braxton LLC

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for Braxton LLC DBA Wake Eatery Located at 2485 Paddle Wheel Drive for a Restaurant Liquor License. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Hearing for DML Enterprises

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for DML Enterprises DBA Jax Bar & Grill Located at 1525 Blount Avenue for a Restaurant Liquor License No one spoke in opposition and the owner spoke in Support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Authorization to File Suit James & Stephanie Taylor

Mayor Dollar called on City Attorney Dan Warnes who asked the Council for approval to file a lawsuit against James & Stephanie Taylor for damages to City property when they removed trees on the lot the City owns in front of their house. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation

Mayor Dollar read a proclamation for Big Brothers Big Sisters and presented it to their representative.

Announcements:

Next Council Meeting will be as scheduled on February 6th and a field trip will follow to the Mountain Valley Arts and the Senior Center.

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 February 6th 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK