

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman. 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 February 6<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 upon Renea Rowan to give the Personnel Report:

**Recycling** - Jamie Bishop, Interim Sanitation Supervisor, made the recommendation to hire Mr. Daniel Hazel as a full-time employee, in the position of Laborer. Mr. Hazel has worked in the Sanitation Department for several months through a temporary staffing agency. His first day of employment as a full-time employee was February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Fire Chief Brian Walls called up each of the three firemen that were promoted last council meeting and asked their family members to pin them.

**Resolution to Approve Police Vehicle Financing**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1299** to approve Police Vehicle Financing. Citizen Bank was lowest rate at 3.95% for 48 months for \$815,355.12 for 11 Tahoe's, 2 SRO Units, 2 Investigator Trucks. Councilman Whitaker asked Chief Peterson if this will catch the department up on vehicles and Chief Peterson said that it would. Councilman Whitaker stated he hoped this would also reduce the maintenance cost with new vehicles. Mayor Dollar asked how many vehicles would be surplus and Chief Peterson answered about 15. 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 to Surplus Items for the Fire Department and Police Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1300** to surplus items for the Fire Department and Police Department. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

**Fire Department**

- 3 – Phillips Heartstart AED's
- 2 – Phillips Heartstart MRX 12lead Monitor/Defibrillator
- 2 – Phillips MRX Battery Chargers
- 2 – Medtronic Lifepak 12 Monitor/Defibrillator
- 1 – Motorola Radio Repeater

**Police Department**

- 2 - 16X16 Roll Up Shop Doors with Hardware

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Accept Bid for new HVAC Unit for Museum**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1301** to accept bid for new HVAC Unit for Museum. The low bidder was Pettus Plumbing and Piping with a bid of \$375,000.00. The bid opening was handled by Scotty Winfrey and he had approved the low bidder as meeting specs. When asked about the warranty, Jimmy Hanson reported that the Compressor had a 10-year warranty. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution Requesting Emergency Action for the Demolition of Old Hwy 205 Structure**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1302** requesting emergency action for the demolition of the Old Hwy 205 Structure and called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report on this property. Mrs. Smythe reported that this had been in the works for two years trying to determine the owner of the property. Six different persons had been contacted but none were definitively determined to be the owner. This has been a very unusual situation. Officer Smythe reported that it was in great danger to collapse, being held up mostly by trees and there was evidence that people were camping out there. She recommended emergency action be taken for demolition. In order to save time of hiring outside firms, the City intends to demo as soon as possible using City crews. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Set a Public Hearing for a Rezoning Request by Georgi Bragg**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for a rezoning request by Georgi Bragg to rezone property located at 6 Woodvue Road from RS-2 to BG-1. The rezoning had been turned down by the Planning Commission on a 4-1 vote. Motion to set hearing for March 20<sup>th</sup> was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Public Hearing for Lakeside Investment II**

Mayor Dollar announced that the Public Hearing for Lakeside Investment II, LLC DBA The Wake Eatery located had been withdrawn and no action was needed.

**Consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings, LLC for the Chamber Banquet at City Harbor Events Center, 2465 Paddle Wheel Drive, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on the following Roll Call Vote: unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

**Tourism Request**

Mayor Dollar announced that the Tourism Committed had met and that the following Tourism Request were recommended:

- Hydrofest \$50,000.00
- Mountain Valley Arts Council \$12,000.00
- DownTown Merchants \$12,000.00

Motion to approve committee recommendations was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Wilson passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Voting Delegates for League Convention**

Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve the Voting Delegates for League Convention coming up in May and made the follow recommendations:

- Voting Delegate: Leigh Dollar
- First Alternate: Randy Whitaker
- Seconded Alternate: Dink Myers.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Announcements:**

- Wild Irish Run will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mayor Dollar noted that the City did not collect 6% sales tax as reported in the Advertiser Gleam.

**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 March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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