

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON APRIL 17<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 April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Dollar presided as Chairman. The following members of the Council were present: Sanchez Watkins, Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell 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 March 20<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** – There was no report for this meeting.

**Personal Protection Equipment Policy/Work Boot Program**

Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan to give a report on the Personal Protection Equipment Policy/Work Boot Program. Mrs. Rowan stated that departments such as Public Works, Sanitation, Horticulture and Recycling do not get a uniform allowance like Fire and Police. Mrs. Rowan has written a policy providing a work boot program for full time workers of \$100.00 per year and can be increased as necessary by the Mayor. This will allow the men to purchase the necessary boots required for their jobs. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Approval of ClearWinds Technologies Hosted Phone/Internet Service**

Mayor Dollar called on ClearWinds representatives Craig and Michael to propose to the council approval of ClearWinds Technologies Hosted Phone/Internet Service. This will provide phones and fiber to all departments on the peninsula (not those departments north of the River) This will enable the transfer of calls to other departments where we now have to give the caller the number to call themselves. We will also be able to transfer calls north of the river. The cost of this will be \$3855 per month (prorated as it is installed) and considering what the City pays other providers it will only be a small increase. This lease is for three years. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve Lien (Fixing Cost of Demo) on Property Located at 1737 Rayburn Avenue**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1309** to approve a lien (fixing cost of demo) on property located at 1737 Rayburn Avenue. Cheryl Smythe reported to the Council that the cost of the demo was \$7,793.27 and that 3 interested parties had been notified that the lien was being affixed. Mayor Dollar asked if any of the 3 were present and they were not. Motion to set the lien was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Russell passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve Lien (Fixing Cost of Demo) on Property Located at 1833 Rayburn Avenue**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1310** to approve a lien (fixing cost of demo) on property located at 1833 Rayburn Avenue. Cheryl Smythe reported to the Council that the cost of the demo was \$7,538.75 and that an interested party had been notified of the City’s intentions. Mayor Dollar asked if anyone interested was present and there was not. Motion to set the lien was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Surplus Items for Fire Department and Police Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1311** to surplus a brush truck for Fire Department and miscellaneous office equipment for Police Department. Mayor Dollar read a list of a 2006 Ford F-550 Truck from the Fire Department and a list of broken office equipment and chairs from the Police Department to be surplused. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Equipment for the Sanitation/Recycling Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1312** to approve the purchase of equipment for the Sanitation/Recycling Department with funding received thru an ADEM Grant. The following is a list of the equipment:

Uline Semi-Automatic Stretch Wrap Machine	\$7,565.00 (grant \$13,150.00)
Uline Low Profile Floor Scale	\$1,870.00 (grant \$1,870.00)
Global Industrial Medium Duty Self Dumping Forklift Hopper	\$1,566.00 (grant \$1,835.00)
Factory Cat Mini-HD v2.0 Walk-behind Scrubber	\$11,743.00 (grant \$11,395.00)

The City will be responsible for the difference of \$348.00 for the scrubber. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Fork Lift through Sourcellwell Purchasing Co-Op**

Mayor introduced **Resolution No. 1313** to approve the purchase of a fork lift through Sourcellwell Purchasing Co-Op for Sanitation/Recycling Department with funding received thru an ADEM Grant. The cost of the fork lift is \$51,332.61 and the grant is \$40,540.00.00 leaving a match of \$10,792.61 for the City. Motion to approve purchase and match was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Close Streets for 2023 HydroFest**

Mayor introduced **Resolution No. 1314** to close streets for 2023 HydroFest. The closures will begin Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight and will be from the intersection of Sunset Drive and Highway 69 along Sunset Drive to Willow Beach Water treatment and Patterson Street from O’Brig Avenue to Sunset Drive. As always, residents will be accommodated. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Restrict Drone Usage During 2023 HydroFest**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1315** to restrict drone usage during the 2023 HydroFest for safety reasons. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Reschedule Meetings in May and June**

Mayor Dollar announced the Reschedule of the following Council Dates;  
May 1<sup>st</sup> will be moved to May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. with a field trip to follow to the landfill and transfer station  
June 5<sup>th</sup> will be moved to June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.  
June 19<sup>th</sup> will be moved to June 26<sup>th</sup> at 15:00 p.m.  
Motion to approve changes was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Announcements:**

- The traffic count that was done on Sunset Drive was not requested by anyone in the City but a routine thing that ALDOT does from time to time.
- Mountain Valley Arts Council has another Spring Concert this Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Errol Allan
- Guntersville’s 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration will be April 21<sup>st</sup> at Civitan Park
- Chamber Banquet is this Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Shred Day is Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Scott Street parking lot
- Councilman Whitaker asked Mayor Dollar to contact the railroad concerning crossties still being left by the side of the road

**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 May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYORM**

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