

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON MAY 8<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 May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 8:30 a.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 April 17<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 on Renea Rowan to give the following report:

**Sanitation:** Jamie Bishop selected Mr. DeWayne Lindsey to fill the open position of Laborer. He accepted our offer of employment and began as a full-time employee on April 24, 2023.

**Building Inspection:** An interviewing committee recently conducted interviews to fill the open position of Building Official. The committee’s selection is Eric Self. Mr. Self has accepted our offer of employment and is scheduled to begin on May 15, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Surplus Vehicles for Police Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1316** to surplus vehicles for Police Department. Mayor Dollar then read the following list to be sold on GOVDEALS:

- Police Department**
- 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 1GNLCDEC2HR248599
- 2012 Dodge Charger VIN#2C3CDXAT3CH169386
- 2009 Chevy Pickup 1GCK19089Z203977
- 2007 Tahoe 1GNEC03057R328066
- 2016 Tahoe 1GNLCDEC6GR366122
- 2015 Tahoe 1GNSKAKC9FR5011271
- 2016 Tahoe 1GNLCDEC1GR365847

Motion to approve the surplus was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Request Demolition 1726 Jordan Street**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1317** to request demolition of 1726 Jordan Street and called on Cheryl Smythe to report to the Council. Mrs. Smythe reported that the property was unsafe and unsanitary and had become a public nuisance. The property is beyond repair and is a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Mrs. Smythe asked the Council to grant permission to get a cost of demolition and proceed. All parties had been notified and the allotted time had expired. Motion to proceed was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Harbor Hotel Utility Easement**

Mayor Dollar called on attorney David Jones with request for an easement for the Harbor Hotel project. Mr. Jones requested that a 25-foot utility easement be granted to the City. This is on mostly on the Lawler property with some on the frontage of City property that will be sold to Mr. Lawler later and will service the condos and also the Hotel. Motion for approval of the utility easement with the City’s attorney approval was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Nicholas Wood Hangar Lease**

Mayor Dollar called on David Jones to comment on the Nicholas Wood Hangar Lease. Mr. Jones apologized the he had neglected to have the lease recorded and asked the Council to approve the lease again with no changes so he could get it recorded. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Special Event License for Mosley Monogram**

Mayor Dollar asked for approval of a Special Event License for Mosley Monogram, LLC for an event at Civitan Park located 1120 Sunset Drive for a fishing tournament event. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Dink 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   | Abstain |

**El Muchacho Alegre Night Club Business License Revoked/Suspended**

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe and Dan Warnes to report on the El Muchacho Alegre Night Club business license being revoked/suspended. Mr. Warnes reported that the owner was given notice of today’s hearing and did not appear. April Hopper had not paid any sales tax since she opened in October, she is behind with two months liquor tax, there have been numerous fights including a shooting, and a drunk 18-year-old. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to revoke the license and it was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Harbor View Winery Business License Revoked/Suspended**

Mayor Dollar again called on Dan Warnes and Cheryl Smythe requested that the Harbor View Winery business license being revoked/suspended due to lack of paying sales taxes. An agreement had been signed in January to make payments, but none had been made. Motion to revoke license was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Fire Department Rescue Certificates**

Mayor Dollar called on Fire Chief Brian Walls to award commendations for a swift water rescue that happened back in March of this year. They were awarded to Justin Ramsey, Zach Thomas and Derek Elliott of C-Shift and dispatcher Kaitlyn Holland from Marshall County 911 in connection of the swift water rescue of Joe McElroy of Cullman. Mr. McElroy gave an impassioned report of what happened to him that day in a storm on the lake while he was kayaking. The Chief thanked the city for the training, equipment and preparedness that made this possible.

**Announcements:**

- Next Council Meeting is regular schedule May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Mountain Valley Arts Concerts continue at Errol Allan Park on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.
- The Council will leave after the meeting to go on a field trip to the landfill and garbage transfer station.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023**

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

**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYORM**

**ATTEST: BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**