

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON JUNE 12<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 June 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Dollar presided as Chairman. The following members of the Council were present: Sanchez Watkins, Larry Wilson, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. John Myers 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 May 15<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 who gave the following Personnel Report:**

**General (City Hall):** To fill the vacant position of Custodian, a job offer was made to by Angela Blakely and she accepted. Mrs. Blakely started June 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 as a full-time employee. Motion to approve report was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Accept the Bid for Guntersville Park Facility Improvement Phase II**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1319** to accept the bid for Guntersville Park Facility Improvement Phase II. The only bidder was Lambert Contracting with \$7,971,000.00 down from the original bid of \$8,497,000.00. The bid was reduced by better pricing on a metal building and less the sales tax. This includes 2 ball fields, restrooms, concession stand, splash pad and a walking trail behind the ball fields to Hwy 69. Councilman Wilson opened the discussion stating that this was originally proposed at \$ 4.2 million and now the project is almost \$8 million, which is up 100%. Mr. Wilson stated he could not get past the price tax and according to his research, projects were not up 100%. Mayor Dollar reported that Councilman John Myers who was unable to attend, stated he supported the project. Councilman Whitaker stated that this was a big pill to swallow, but this is the new normal. Mayor Dollar stated this would be paid for out of the one-half cent sales tax and that the City debt was \$9.25 million that is low for a city our size. Councilman Russell stated he respected Councilman Wilson but his experience is that all projects are two to two and a half the 2019 prices. This is for improvements for tourism. Major companies say they can't do normal bidding due to the new material and labor costs. Councilman Whitaker commented that this extends our walking trail and safety issues and will be a tremendous attraction coming from Highway 69. Councilman Ray stated that this in an investment in our community and the quality of life. Councilman Wilson stated that he valued and respected his colleagues, but the labor and material should not be up this high. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote with Councilman Wilson voting no.

**Resolution to Approve the Scope of Work and Engineering Estimate for the SR-69/Sunset Drive**

Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve the engineering from Barge for the work at the intersection of Sunset Drive and Highway 69 in the amount of \$107,780.00. This is a part of the grant match from ALDOT, who is paying for the improvement. Motion to approve Barge as the engineering firm was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1320** to approve the Scope of Work for the SR-69 ATRP Project - Access Management on SR-69 and Sunset Drive. This project is to close the entrance to the boat ramp and move it down Highway 69, to improve the signals and improve the timing to make it safer for pedestrians. Motion to approve the maintenance agreement with ALDOT and for the Mayor to sign for the City was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Surplus Items for Public Trans and City Hall**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1321** to surplus items for Public Trans and City Hall. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

**City Hall**

10 Office Chairs

All items are broken and will be disposed of

**Public Transportation**

2014 E350 #1FDEE3FL8ED147699 Transit bus with 176162 miles

2015 Bus Stops - Sunset Beach, City Harbor and the Public Library

These will be sold on govdeals.com

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve Purchase of Truck from Marshall County Gas Board**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1322** to approve purchase of a truck from Marshall County Gas Board for Public Works. This is a 2006 Kenworth T-3000 Truck for \$21,180.55. Public Works Director Charlie Minor reported to the Council that this would be used to pull the leaf machine. He explained to the Council that the motor had blown in the City truck, so it was less expensive to use a used truck to pull an older leaf machine than paying \$400,000 to buy a new system. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Set a Public Hearing for Clase Azul Night Club & Bar**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Clase Azul Night Club & Bar LLC DBA Clase Azul Night Club & Bar located at 12361 US Hwy 431, Guntersville, Al 35976 for a Lounge Liquor License. The applicant was in the audience and the council asked that he be prepared at the next Council meeting to answer questions about his finances and to assure the council that the problems with the last owner would not be repeated. Motion to set public hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Consider a Special Event Liquor License for Mosley Monogram**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event Liquor License for Mosley Monogram LLC for the HydroFest Street Party located at 300 Railroad Avenue on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:  
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1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Dink Myers	Yes
2.	Larry Wilson	Yes	6.	Rich Russell	Yes
3.	John Myers	Absent	7.	Randy Whitaker	Abstain
4.	Carson Ray	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Abstain

**Announcements:**

- HydroFest is coming up June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Downtown Merchants Christmas in July 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am till 6:00pm
- Fourth of July Fireworks will be July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm

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 June 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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