

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
HELD ON JUNE 26th 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 26th 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 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 June 12th 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:

Sanitation: Jamie Bishop selected Mr. William Jones to fill the open position of Equipment Fabricator. Mr. Jones accepted our job offer and he started with the City as a full-time employee on June 19, 2023

Police Department: Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell selected Brittany Reynolds to fill the open position of Communications Officer. Ms. Reynolds accepted our job offer and she started with the City as a full-time employee on June 19, 2023. Motion to approve report was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Resolution to Accept the Bid for 2 Bin Recycling Trailers

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1323** to accept the bid for 2 Bin Recycling Trailers for the Recycling Department Bid by Pro-Tainer for a total of \$43,010.00 for the two. Jamie Bishop reported to the Council that each had several chutes for different kinds of recycling. Mr. Bishop hoped to get a smaller one for the public to use at City Hall. This is paid in full by an ADEM grant. Mayor Dollar noted that we apply each year for the grant. Motion to approve purchase was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for City Hall

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1324** to surplus the following items for City Hall:

- Pull Cart
- Dyson Vacuum
- 2-Bissell Vacuums
- Eureka Quick Up Vacuum

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.

Approval for Mayor Dollar to sign USACE Nationwide Permit 3 Application Form for Bridge Trail

Mayor Dollar asked the Council for approval for her to sign USACE Nationwide Permit 3 Application Form for the Bridge Trail on behalf of the City. 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.

consider a Special Event Liquor License for Crawbaby’s LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event Liquor License for Crawbaby’s LLC for the MCED Dinner located at City Harbor on October 5th 2023. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by 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 | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Abstain |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Public Hearing for Clase Azul Night Club & Bar LLC

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be 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. Mayor Dollar asked for opposition and there was none. Mayor Dollar asked for support and the owner Jennifer Tovar and Jose Cepeda spoke. Councilman Whitaker went over a list of items that the previous owner had done concerning the bar as far as taxes, fights, gambling and other violations and they stated they understood not to make the same mistakes. They explained that Mr. Cepeda had applied for citizenship when he was 12 and was still waiting for the paperwork, so Ms. Tovar had applied since she was a citizen. Mr. Cepeda stated he wished to hire off duty police and Mayor Dollar explained that the police were already stretched so thin, they may have to hire a security firm. Councilman Wilson asked if they had experience running a lounge and they said they did not, but Mr. Cepeda stated he had a trucking company and automotive business and was familiar with paying taxes monthly and quarterly. Mr. Cepeda stated he would bring the background checks to the Clerk for her to share with the Council. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray contention on them meeting with the Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | No | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Abstain |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Announcements:

- July 4th Fireworks are on July 4th at 9:00pm with a free concert by MVAC from 6:00-9:00pm
- Downtown Merchants Christmas in July 1st from 10:00am till 6:00pm
- Triathlon will be July 8th
- Rock the Dock at the City Harbor on July 22nd

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 July 3rd 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF JULY, 2023

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

**ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**