

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
HELD ON JULY 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 July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. At the end of the work session, Mayor Dollar asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a property transaction that would put the City at a disadvantage if make public. Councilman Russell made a motion at 4:53 p.m. seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Russell at 4:49 p.m. seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed on a voice vote. 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 July 3<sup>rd</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 – No report**

**Resolution to Apply for CDBG Grant for the Senior Center**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1327** to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Senior Center. The City is applying for up to \$400,000.00 for a grant to rehabilitate the Senior Center due to the flooding. This is an 80/20 grant. Motion to approve demo was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Designation of a Grant Project Engineer/Architect**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1328** authorizing the designation of grant project engineer/architect. Proposals were sought, accepted and reviewed by a committee who selected Emmett Smith and Associates as the architect. 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 Approve Phase II Lighting Quote thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1329** to Approve Phase II Lighting Quote thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative at a cost of \$195,000.00. This carries a 25-year warranty on parts and on-site labor the same at the other parks. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Approve Splash Pad Quote thru NPP Gov Purchasing Cooperative**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No 1330** to approve the Splash Pad cost thru NPP Gov Purchasing Cooperative of \$819,964.25. This includes all equipment and installation. Pilgrim's Pride has previously contributed to the City for the cost. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Resolution to Appoint City Attorney**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No 1331** to appoint Jim Beard and P. J. Harris as City Attorneys due to the retirement of current City Attorney Dan Warnes. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Approve Agreement with CDG, Inc. for Engineering Services**

Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve agreement with CDG, Inc. for engineering services for the Holston Drive Roadway Extension Project Located within the Conners Island Business Park. The City has received an Industrial Access Grant of \$799, 000.00 and the cost of the engineering services to CDG will be \$75,000. This will go from Metal Research to Bakers Chapel Road and is designed for heavy truck traffic. Matt Haws of CDG congratulated the City on the grant. Motion to approve the agreement with CDG was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Special Events Ordinance**

Mayor Dollar called Kelsey Yoste to report on the Special Events Ordinance. Mrs. Yoste reported that in the past the City had only a special event permit for parades and this would cover all events that required City involvement or interruption of City flow. This includes reservations, booking, insurance, security, fees, permits, clean up fee and penalties for non-compliance. A draft of the ordinance will be put on the website for public review and comment on. Because this was a first reading the ordinance will carry over to the next Council Meeting.

**Nominee for Board of Equalization**

Mayor Dollar stated it was time to submit a nominee for Board of Equalization. Mike Reaves is currently serving and will be reappointed as the City nominee, with Phil Kelley as a nominee if Mr. Reaves is unable to serve. Motion to approve the nomination was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

**Announcements:**

- Tax Free Back to School Weekend is Friday, Saturday and Sunday except the County Tax
- Councilman Russell reminded citizens to support the Wildcat Pantries at the High School and Middle School

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

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