

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, August 21st 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in the Conference Room at City Hall in said city on August 21st, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting at the Guntersville Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Randy Whitaker presided as Chairman of the meeting in Mayor Dollar's absence. 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 was present and acted as Clerk for the meeting. Councilman Russell, beautifully sang the National Anthem and then led the prayer. Mayor ProTem Whitaker welcomed visitors and declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker announced that copies of the minutes from the August 7th, 2023 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 Pro Tem Whitaker called on Renea Rowan who gave the following Personnel Report:

Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor selected Gary Weldon to fill the position of Equipment Operator II. Mr. Weldon accepted our job offer and began his employment today, 8/21/23, as a full-time employee. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Adopt Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Resolution No. 1335** to adopt the Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act, this is a yearly resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker announced that the City will carry over the expected \$70,000.00 in income for future projects. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Accept Bid 3500 HD Crew Cab Truck for the Public Works

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Resolution No. 1336** to accept the bid on a 3500HD crew cab truck for the Public Works Department. This is not a budgeted item, however, Public Works Director Charlie Minor reported to the Council that the current truck the mowing crew uses was falling apart. He added the crew had never had a new truck and the current one was handed down from the Fire Department. The mowing season is not over yet and it is very hard to find this type of truck. The low bidder was Donohoo Chevrolet with a price of \$63,579.50. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Donald Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Yes | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Absent |

Approve Purchase of Recycling Baskets for Sanitation/Recycling Department

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced **Resolution No. 1337** to approve purchase of (12) recycling baskets for the Sanitation/Recycling Department with funding coming from an ADEM Grant. These baskets cost \$12,000.00 total from Shelton Steel and will be paid for 100% from the grant. Jamie Bishop reported to the council that these will be used for sorting and will save man power. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Annexation Request by Quality Investments LLC

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker introduced an annexation request by Quality Investments LLC for property located at 12189 US Hwy 431, Guntersville. This request is for an ABC store to be built and must be in the City in order to sell alcohol and receive city sewer. Councilman Ray made a motion to suspend the rules for Immediate Consideration, seconded by Councilman Russell and the Clerk recorded the following Roll Call Vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Donald Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Yes | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Absent |

Motion to annex by **Ordinance No. 1141** was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman John Myers. Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker read a portion of the description of the parcels with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. The Clerk recorded the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Donald Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Yes | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Absent |

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker asked the City Clerk to contact the Water Board to notify them the property had been annexed in order to be hooked up to sewer and stated that in his 35 years on the Council that it has always been the City policy that property must be annexed to receive sewer service.

Consider a Special Event License for QSC Promotions, LLC

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker entertained a motion to consider a special event license for QSC Promotions, LLC for the Lake City Fall Fest at Errol Allan Park located at 398 Gunter Avenue on October 13th and 14th, 2023. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Donald 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 | Absent |

Set a Public Hearing for Meldi Eastlake LLC

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker entertained a motion to Set a public hearing for Meldi Eastlake LLC DBA Hwy 227 Eastlake Beverage & Spirits for a Package Store License located at 3701 Lake Guntersville State Park Drive, Guntersville AL. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmember present.

Board Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker entertained a motion to make the following board appointments:

Historic Preservation Committee: LouAnn Patton

School Board: Tara Payton.

Motion to appoint LouAnn Patton to the Historic Preservation Board was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Motion to appoint Tara Payton to the School Board was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Reschedule September Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker made a motion to move of the September 4th meeting to September 5th at 12:00pm and the September 18th meeting to September 15th at 8:30am with Field Trip to follow.

Announcements:

- A portion of Wyeth Drive will be closed Monday-Friday from 6:00am to 7:00pm.
- Councilman Wilson commended Stewart Mann and Michael Varnell with the Fire Department for the rescued of the overturned boat on the Warrenton Causeway a few weeks prior.

Public Comments:

- Carrie Jones of 4920 Elizabeth Street asked the Council to help with a dangerous situation on her street with speeders. Mrs. Jones stated that cars were going 55-60 mph and actually “catching air” in some instants. The neighborhood has children and elderly. The police have done all they can and she realizes that the police cannot sit there 24/7. Mrs. Jones asked that more signage and a speed table be installed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker asked the residents to sign a petition asking for a speed table and turn in to Chief Peterson. Councilman Russell has talked about the solar speed signs with warning light and the city would love to see more of them
- Troy Cooley of 4921 Elizabeth Street stated he had lived here 30 years and had seen nothing like it is now. There are ordinances in place, but not being enforced. He stated that in addition to the speeding, garbage cans are left overturned on the streets and have overgrown yards.
- Wayne Scheafer of 1140 Ringold also wanted to talk about speeders and stated that his truck was hit last week. He asked that the Police write tickets and that more signs were needed. He felt this area need the speed/slow down signs more than Patterson Avenue did and more tickets need to be written. He asked that a police car be left on the street to slow everyone down.

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 September 5th 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF September, 2023.

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

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RANDY WHITAKER, MAYOR PRO TEM**

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