

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, October 16th 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 October 16th, 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 Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. 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. 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 October 2nd 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 announced that there was not Personnel Report

Resolution to Accept Yearly Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1347** to accept yearly bids for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

- Ready Mix Concrete Class A: Kirkpatrick Concrete
- Crushed Limestone: Madison Materials and C. A. Langford
- Plant Mix No. 416: Whitaker Contracting and C. A. Langford
- Traffic Striping: J.C. Cheek Contractors Inc
- Hot Bituminous Pavement: Whitaker Contracting
- General Cleaning Supplies: American Osment
- Recycling/Trash Bags: Unipak
- Athletic Uniforms: Pro-Time Sports
- T-Shirts and Screen Printing: Ross Originals

Motion to accept was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Police Vehicle Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1348** to accept Police Vehicle Bids. There was no State Bid this year and the low bidder was Donahoo Chevrolet for a total bid of \$243,864.32 for 7 vehicles. These will have to have equipment added and will be in the 2024 budget. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Dump Truck for Public Works

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1349** to approve the purchase of a T880 Tri Axel Dump Truck for Public Works thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative at a cost of \$235,000.00. Public Works Director Charlie Minor reported that this will be used in various roles for the City as needed and is not the one at the landfill. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items Located at 12146 US Hwy 431

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1350** to surplus buildings/personal property located at 12146 U. S. Highway 431. This is the Shumate Property recently purchased by the City and plans to tear down the buildings and dispose of junk that is left. The City plans to salvage and sell the metal. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for Public Works and the Building Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1351** to surplus items for Public Works and Building Departments Mayor Dollar read the following list:

Public Works

- 1997 GMC 8500 1GDP7HIJ6VJ514027
- 2000 GMC 6500 1GDJ6HIC6YJ526774
- 2005 John Deere 7220 RW7220R048818
- Tiger Boom Mower 7462
- Toro Z Mower 60in Model No. 74292 Serial No. 280000706
- Toro Z Mower 60in Model No. 74292 Serial No. 280002440
- Toro Z Mower 60in Model No. 74958 Serial No. 401358491
- Toro Z Mower 60in Model No. 74296 Serial No. 310002597
- Honda Wood Chipper Serial No. 401256
- DR Push Weed eater Serial No. 12T07-5313-BJ 11062256
- Case Backhoe Bucket 36in 131354-01
- Kenworth Truck Air Compressor
- Kenworth Tri-Axel Dump Truck

Building Department

- HP DesignJet T1100 Printer/Plotter

Motion to Approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve FAA Grant Application for the Airport

Mayor Dollar Introduced **Resolution No. 1352** to approve FAA Grant Application for Airport Terminal Building. This grant request is for \$1,425,000.00. This will authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve AWOS for Airport

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1353** to approve AWOS for the Airport \$326,400 with a 5% match for the City. This is a much-needed weather system for pilots and is automated. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agreement with the Whole Backstage Theater

Mayor Dollar introduced an agreement with the Whole Backstage Theater concerning their use of the Old Post Office. The Whole Backstage has had water damage in the costume rooms and is going to store and sort the costumes at the old Post Office building for a few months while they repair the WBS building. Motion to approve agreement was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Redistricting Ordinance

Mayor Dollar took from the table the ordinance to approve the redistricting of the voting districts and reported that the map prepared by an outside company was done based on census blocks that could not be split. The redistricting had to be addressed because District 6 had fallen outside the 5% requirement that all districts be within 5% of each other in population. Motion to approve the redistricted map by **Ordinance No. 1146** was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and was passed on the following 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Councilman Wilson stated that he wished to make a statement about his no vote. Councilman Wilson stated that his issue is that Richardson Street is a dividing line and he felt that since it was a small street that both sides of the street should be in the same district. He stated this is the way it was in prior elections, but campaigned on wanting the change.

Rezone Request by Dennis Norton

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a Public Hearing for a Rezone Request by Dennis S. Norton of Managing Property Liaison Services INC for property located at 1317 O’Brig Avenue from BG1A to RS3. This has been recommended by the Planning Commission. No one spoke in opposition or support. Motion to approve the zoning change by **Ordinance No. 1145** was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Set a Public Hearing for Braxton LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for Braxton, LLC DBA The Brewers Cooperative located at 299 Scott Street, Guntersville, Al 35976 for a Restaurant Liquor License. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Thursday, October 19th will be the last fall concert in the park by MVAC
- Downtown Merchants fall fest was very successful

Public Comments:

- Carrie Jones of 4920 Elizabeth Street presented a petition to the Mayor and Council asking for Speed Bumps to slow the speeders down. Mrs. Jones stated that the situation had not gotten any better since her last visit to the council.
- Mark Haney of 4913 Elizabeth Street and Troy Cooley of 4921 Elizabeth Street also spoke explaining the danger to residents, especially children in this area.

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 November 6th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK