

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, December 18th 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

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 December 18th, 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: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins was absent. Betty Jones was present and acted as Clerk for the meeting. Councilman Randy Whitaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dollar welcomed visitors, declared that a quorum was present, and opened the meeting for business.

Minutes

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the December 4th Regular Meeting have been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan who presented the following Personnel Report:

Public Works: Charlie Minor and Shannon Johnson have chosen Mr. Dallas Shane Bolding to fill the opening of Laborer. Mr. Bolding accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 12/11/23. Mr. Bolding has been working for the City through a temporary staffing agency.

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

Taser Agreement

Mayor Dollar introduced an agreement concerning the Police Department Tasers and called on Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell. He explained the cost of new taser to replace our outdated ones would be \$185,000 over a 5-year period. This covers 46 tasers and holsters, 55 batteries and training for all personnel and 1 instructor. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Flock Agreement

Mayor Dollar introduced the flock agreement and called on Captain John East, Chief Investigator. Captain East reported that the City has 2 cameras now and this will increase to 4 cameras. This will renew at the old price and locks it in for 3 years; the company will maintain the cameras. This cost is \$30,300 over a 3-year period. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Excavator Lease for Public Works

Mayor Dollar stated that the next item of business was the renewal of an excavator lease for Public Works and Public Works Director Charlie Minor had asked that it be tabled. Motion to table was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Agreement with Barge Design Concerning the Veteran's Park

Mayor Dollar introduced Steve Provost and Garrett Younanian with Barge Design to speak on the concept design and proposed contract for design for the proposed Veteran's Park. Mr. Provost discussed the design and displayed the concept plans for the park. He explained that this location would be visible from the street, have lake views, and provide solitude as well as education to those who visit. There will an additional 19 parking spaces provided including handicap accessibility with walkways and pathways to restroom facilities, and a space for 140 chairs. Monuments for each branch of service with flags will be present and up lit, with access to power when a speaker podium is in use. Mr. Younanian reported this agreement cost of \$169,000.00 and would include survey, environmental, bidding, permitting and overseeing construction that should take 6 months, with a total projected cost of \$937,000.00. Motion to accept the plan and proceed was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Mayor Dollar called on Mike Connor who is a Veteran and member of the City's committee working on the Veteran's Park project and he commented that this would be a beautiful, top-notch park. Mayor Dollar thanked Mr. Connor for his participation in the project.

Surplus Items for Sanitation/Recycling

Mayor Dollar introduced Resolution No.1358 to surplus items for Recycling/Sanitation. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

HS 10 2011 INTERNATIONAL / HEIL GARBAGE TRUCK (VIN 3HAMKAAR2CL448726)
GR 9 2002 CHEVORLET SILVERADO 1500 (VIN 1GCEK14V62Z193197)
HS 6 2005 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 (VIN 1GCEC14T45Z264686)

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

Approve Loan for Police Vehicles

Mayor Dollar **introduced Resolution No. 1357** to approve a loan from Peoples Bank for seven new vehicles for the Police Department for \$435,000.00 at an interest rate of 4.55% for 4 years. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve the loan and for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City was made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Reschedule January 2024 Meetings

Mayor Dollar announced the rescheduling of the January 2024 Meetings from January 1st to January 2nd and January 15th to January 16th due to both of those meetings falling on holidays.

Announcements

Mayor Dollar announced the City would be closed Monday the 25th and Tuesday 26th of next week for Christmas and the following Monday, January 1st for New Year’s Day.

Councilman Rich Russell beautifully sang “Mary, Did You Know” for the close of the Meeting. This is the second time the Council has gotten to experience this wonderful hidden talent of Councilman Russell, all enjoyed it.

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 January 2nd 2024 at 12:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK