

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, March 18th 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on March 18th 2024 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 12:00 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, and Randy Whitaker. Rich Russell was absent. 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 March 4th Regular Meeting have been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, there was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Police Department: After conducting interviews, as a result of an internal job announcement, Chief Ryan Darnell selected John East to fill the vacant position of Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief East assumed the position as of March 11, 2024. Chief Jim Peterson's retirement was effective March 1, 2024. His department honored him with a celebration of his retirement and his service plaque was presented to him at that time. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Chief Darnell called John East and his wife to the front and Mrs. East pinned Assistant Chief East.

Chief Walls recognized the EMT Basic Trainees that were trained by Jake Anderson and Jason Harper. This training took place in house. This covered a 7 week classroom and 48 hours of clinical. The pass rate for this state test is 64%, but all who took the classes passed on the first attempt. They are Jason Hulkan, Rodrigo Santana, Jose Franco, David Hill and Logan Abernathy. Mayor Dollar congratulated all.

Resolution Concerning Street Closures for Hydrofest

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1370** to close streets for 2024 HydroFest:

Friday, June 28th from 9:00am until Sunday, June 30th at 12:00 midnight

From the intersection of Sunset Drive and Highway 69 along Sunset Drive to Willow Beach Road at the Water Treatment Plant, and Patterson Street from O'Brig Avenue to Sunset Drive.

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

Resolution Concerning Drone Usage for Hydrofest

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1371** to restrict drone usage during 2024 HydroFest. This is done each year.

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

Resolution to Approve Application for Alabama Historical Commission Grant

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1372** to approve the application for an Alabama Historical Commission Grant for repairs to the roof at the Museum. Mayor Dollar noted there was no match for the grant and that Council approval was necessary for all grant applications. Councilman Whitaker asked if the roof was leaking and the clerk stated that it was. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept 3 Streets at Southwater

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1373** to accept the following Streets at Southwater Subdivision: Colonial Drive, North Harbor Drive & Corleone Drive. These streets have been inspected by Charlie Minor and Eric Self and curb and guttering and lights are all in place and up to code. There was a motion to accept the streets made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Address Breached Agreement Concerning 3605 Smith Street

Mayor Dollar called on Eric Self, Jim Beard, Barry Jones and Mark Beyers to address the breached agreement from Resolution No. 1290 Concerning 3605 Smith Street. The agreement was presented to the Council the day of the meeting and in the Work Session prior to the meeting, the Council had several questions about the wording. Waiving the right to appeal in circuit court was not clear. Councilman Ray requested that all permits be purchased 21 days after the agreement was passed. Councilman John Myers requested that the agreement be delivered to City Hall on Thursday before the Council Meeting so it could be sent in Council packets before the meeting. Motion to table until next meeting was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements

- Chamber Banquet April 21
- Friends of the Library Sale this Thursday Friday & Saturday
- Arbor Day March 27th

Public Comments

- Eddie Allen of Willow Beach questioned what wood would be required to replace Kawians Pier. Mr. Allen stated that the bid should not require pressure treated wood because it only lasts 5 years.

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 March 1st 2024 at 12:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF APRIL 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK