

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, April 22nd 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 April 22nd 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. 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 April 1st 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 Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers 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:

Sanitation: Jamie Bishop selected Richard N. Hernandez to fill the vacant position of Driver. Mr. Hernandez accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 4/14/24. Mr. Hernandez has been working as a temporary since 1/29/24. Jamie Bishop selected Jared J. Wilkerson to fill the position of Laborer. Mr. Wilkerson accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 4/14/24. Mr. Wilkerson has been working as a temporary employee since 2/5/24.

Police Department: Following an internal job announcement for the position of Captain of Investigations, an interviewing committee select applicant Investigator Mark Fortune for the position. The effective date of this change is today 4/14/24. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Police Chief Ryan Darnell called Mark Fortune and his family up and Mrs. Fortune pinned the Captain bars on Mark who has been appointed Head Investigator.

Resolution to Accept the Veteran's Park Bid

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1376** to accept bid for the Veteran's Park Project. There was only one bidder: Lambert Contracting with a bid of \$1,305,000.00. Councilman Whitaker expressed concern over the project going over by 30%. He stated that realized that the Public Works crew would have to let other City duties go in able to work on this one, but hoped that costs could be negotiated to get the cost down since there was only one bidder. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items at Public Transportation and the City Garage

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1377** to surplus items at Public Transportation and the City Garage. Transportation has concrete blocks that were donated to the Fire Department and wish to donate the United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation to build bathrooms and the Garage has a 1994 Nissan Fork Lift and miscellaneous broken parts and tools to be sold by JJ Kane Auctions. There was a 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 Financing for Excavator for Public Works thru Cadence Equipment Finance

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1378** to approve financing for excavator for Public Works thru Cadence Equipment Finance This is a loan requirement to finance the landfill equipment. 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.

Barge Pavement Maintenance Agreement

Mayor Dollar introduced the Barge Pavement Maintenance Agreement (Airport Grant). This is to oversee the seal coat to preserve the apron way to finish up this treatment on all the pavement at the Airport. Barge cost is \$69,922.00 with a 95% grant and 5% City funds. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Change Order for Recreation Improvements Phase II

Mayor Dollar called on Matt Bryant to explain the change order on Phase II of the Recreation Improvements. Mr. Bryant explained that this is not an actual change, but an addition. This will remove all the old fencing and replace it with new that matches the new fencing. This will be about 200 ft of 6 ft fencing, some additional concrete and 175-200 ft of 3 ft fencing on the knee wall as a safety feature. The cost is \$75,000.00. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Request for Extension for Demo on Property Located at 0 US Hwy 431/Lakeside Campground Inc

Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Enforcement Officer Cheryl Smythe and Attorney George Barnett to Request an Extension for Demo on Property Located at 0 US Hwy 431/Lakeside Campground Inc. The property is owned by Brooks Barfield. Officer Smythe stated that on March 27th 2024, the property was deemed unsafe and the owner was notified it needed to be torn down. Attorney Barnett representing Mr. Barfield stated the Mr. Barfield needed time to remove the storage in the building and that the owner intended to tear it down. They asked for an extension until June 26th. There was a motion to grant extension made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote with Mayor Dollar abstaining.

Anthony Looney Update (Sales Tax)

Mayor Dollar called on Anthony Looney to Report to the Council on his payments of sales tax. Mr. Looney presented proof of payments and City Clerk Betty Jones agreed that the payments had been received.

Annexation Request by Frank and Mary Beth Fogle

Mayor Dollar introduced an Ordinance for an Annexation Request by Frank and Mary Beth Fogle for Property Located at 5450 AL Hwy 227 (PIN #65270) to be Zoned RS-1 This has been approved by the Planning Commission and will be carried over to the next meeting for action.

Annexation Request by Frank and Mary Beth Fogle

Mayor Dollar introduced an Ordinance for an Annexation Request by Frank and Mary Beth Fogle for Property Located at 5450 AL Hwy 227 (PIN #65267, #65268, and #65269), to be Zoned RS-1 This has been approved by the Planning Commission and will be carried over to the next meeting for action.

Reapprove an Off Premise Beer & Wine License for Sweet 227

Mayor Dollar announced that there was a request from Mike Patel to reapprove an Off Premise Beer & Wine License for Sweet 227 Located at 3633 Lake Guntersville State Park Drive, Guntersville AL 35976 This was approved by the Council in 2016 and no action had been taken. Councilman Whitaker reported that there was high grass and vandalism at the buildings and Mr. Patel had been asked to clean up. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table the reapproval until action was taken by Mr. Patel. This was seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Board Appointments:

Tree Commission: Jeff Scott

School Board: Scott Langford

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

Announcements:

- May 9 Jennifer Rogers Etchevarry (Will Rodgers great granddaughter) will present at the Museum. This is a joint Historical Society and City Event.
- Lakeview Community Clean up this Friday for Earth Day.

Public Comments:

The following persons made public comments concerning Hardin Road: Mark Frazier, Pat Pearce, Tonica Smoot, Paul Atkins, Linda Pearce, Alina Robertson and Joel Kennamer asking that the road be opened up or reverse the one way because it was inconvenient and dangerous to be routed through Launch Street where it is harder to get back on Wyeth Drive.

Bob Fredrickson, Pam Harris, Kay Power, Deborah Belcher, Jeannie Russell and Bryan Holmes spoke of how much safer the road is now that it is one way and that it has really helped with the speeding that was so dangerous to the residents. Mayor Dollar asked the crowd to stand dividing the group into for and against members and the crowd was evenly divided.

Mayor Dollar stated that Skipper Consulting was hired to get a professional opinion and should have the study complete in four or five weeks.

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 May 6th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF MAY 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK