

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, May 6th 2024 at 12:00 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 May 6th 22nd 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: Larry Wilson, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins and John Myers were 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 April 22nd 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 Russell 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, Refuse Manager, selected Tyler Black to fill the position of Laborer. Mr. Wilkerson accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 4/29/24.

Airport: Gary McIlquham, Airport Manager, select Tyler Sparks to fill the vacant position of Airport Lineman. Mrs. Sparks accepted our job offer and he began his employment as a full-time employee on 4/22/24. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept the Veteran's Park Bid

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1379** to accept Pavement Rehabilitation Bid at the Airport. The Low Bidder was Dortch, Figures & Sons with a bid of \$130,309.50. This grant is 95% with the City share of 5% to put a seal coat and remark partial parallel taxiway, apron, T-hangar taxiway, and connectors. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Accept Bid for Senior Center/Rotary Cabin/Lurleen B Wallace/Kiwanis Pier

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1380** to accept the bid for the Senior Center, Rotary Cabin, L. B. Wallace Pavilion and Kiwanis Pier Renovations. There were two bidders on all the projects and four on the Kiwanis Pier. The low bidder on all the projects was Carmen Construction with a bid of \$7,670,844.00. Matt Bryant reported that the pickleball court was removed from the list due to the cost of over one million dollars, and stated that the Senior Center was immediate priority. Mayor Dollar stated this is budgeted and was to be paid out of the new warrant. 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.

Resolution to Surplus Items at City Hall

Mayor introduced **Resolution No. 1381** to surplus miscellaneous office equipment at City Hall which consist of old computer equipment (monitors, keyboards, mice, etc.). 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.

Request for Extension of Demo

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for a request for extension for demo on property located at 0 US Blount Avenue (PIN# 20596). Mrs. Mary Ellen Kelley has applied for an extension because asbestos has to be removed from the building. It is planned for May 9th and 10th. Mrs. Kelley will have the building torn down after the removal but asked for additional time for it to be scheduled. The City granted a 45 day extension on a motion made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Councilman Dink Myers stated that recently we had had two extensions granted and he appreciated the people involved working with the City.

Approve Skipper Consulting Services

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve Skipper Consulting Professional Services Agreement of \$7,900.00 to do a traffic study on Hardin Road. Skipper Consulting has done work in the area at the High School and is familiar with the area. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Annexation Request for Property Located at 5450 AL Hwy 227

Mayor Dollar announced this ordinance was introduced at the last meeting and is ready for action. **Ordinance No.1152** is 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 was recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Dollar read the description of the property to be annexed. Motion to approve annexation was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

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

Ace Aeronautics Agreement

Mayor Dollar called on Attorney Jim Beard to talk about Ace Aeronautics. Mr. Beard stated that Ace Aeronautics had failed to record and agreement with the City and requested authority for the Mayor to sign an updated agreement after he had reviewed it. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to approve providing there were no changes to the agreement, and if there were, Mr. Beard would bring it back to the council for approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funding

Mayor Dollar introduced requests from MVA and Downtown Merchants for Tourism Grants in the amount of \$12,000.00 each. Motion to award \$12,000.00 to each one was made by Councilman Whitaker, and was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers. Councilman Wilson requested an additional \$1,000.00 for MVA stating it was a good return on our investment. Councilman Whitaker stated that support could be sought from other sources and Councilman Wilson said that other cities saw the Arts Council as a Guntersville Arts Center. Mr. Wilson stated the MVA has other services besides the 12 concerts. Motion was passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present except Councilman Wilson voting no.

Innovate Alabama Grant Program

Mayor Dollar announced that Innovate Alabama Grant Program had notified the City Friday of the award of two grants of \$15,000.00 and \$50,000.00. The deadline is before the next Council Meeting so the two funding agreements need to be approved at the current meeting. This would give the Mayor authority to sign the funding agreements. This will be for Smart poles that support Wi-Fi, cameras and music and will be installed across from the Middle School. There was a motion for the Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Jennifer Rogers Etcheverry at Museum Thursday May 9th .
- Concert in the Park Saturday honoring City Employees

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 20th 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK