

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, May 24th 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on May 20th 2024 at 4:30 a.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, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Carson Ray 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 May 6th 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:

Parks and Recreation: Following an interview process, Matthew Bryant selected applicant Darryl Staten to fill the position of Maintenance Laborer. Mr. Staten accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 5/8/24.

Police Department: Following interviews of two separate committees, Chief Ryan Darnell selected Officer Hagan Wilbanks to fill the open position of Investigator. The change is effective today 5/20/24.

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. Deputy Chief John East called on Hagan Wilbanks and his wife to the podium and Mrs. Wilbanks presented Hagan with his new investigator badge.

Resolution to Surplus and Purchase 2 Buses for Public Transportation

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1382** to surplus 2 buses and to purchase 2 new buses for Public Transportation. Those being surplus are 2014 and 2019 Ford E350 busses and the city will purchase two new ones at a cost of \$26,692.00 for both. The State has reduced the match to 10% instead of 20%. Director Lori Kirkland reported to the Council that there was over \$40,000.00 in the Transportation escrow account and the \$26,692.00 would be paid out of that and not come out of General fund. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance to Amend Building Code

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1155** to Amend Building Code (Ordinance No. 952) to amend swimming pool covers. The current city code is from 2006 and in 2015 the state code was amended to allow power safety covers complying ASEM F1346. Since the homeowner is waiting on a CO the council had been asked for Immediate Consideration on the amendment. Motion for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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	Absent	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Councilman Whitaker made a motion to accept the amendment by Ordinance No. 1155, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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	Absent	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Reschedule June Meetings

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to reschedule June Council Meeting Dates from 1st & 3rd Monday to 2nd and 4th Monday at the same set time. There was a motion made to reschedule made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following appointment to the following boards:

Planning commission: Conner McGowan from the Board of Adjustments to the Planning Commission

Reappoint Matt Sellnow, Stewart White, Michael Oliver and David Bridges.

Board of Adjustments: appoint Matt Everett to replace Conner McGowan and reappoint Binky Boggess and Jonathan Pfeffer.

There was a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

Last concert in the Park, Thursday, May 23rd by Mt. Valley Arts.

Veterans Park ceremonies and park dedication will be held Memorial Day at 2 p.m.

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 June 10th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK