

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama**  
**Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 to give the following Personnel Report:

**Street/Maintenance:** Charlie Minor selected applicant Marcus Burgess to fill the position of Skilled Laborer. Mr. Burgess accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee today, 6/24/24. 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.

**Resolution for Senior Center to Request Financial Assistance (Section 5310)**

Mayor Dollar called on Lori Kirkland to introduce the 3 resolutions for funding for the 2025 year. Mrs. Kirkland explained that **Resolution No. 1384** was for the Senior Center to request financial assistance (Section 5310) by applying for \$18,000.00 with a City match of \$3,600.00. There was a motion to approve for the Mayor to apply on the City's behalf for the Senior Center and pledge the match of \$3,600.00 made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution for Public Transportation to Request Financial Assistance (Section 5311)**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1385** for the Public Transportation Department to request financial assistance (Section 5311) allowing the Mayor to apply on the City's behalf. 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 for Public Transportation to Apply for Section 5311 Grant for Local Matching Funds**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1386** for the Public Transportation Department to apply for Section 5311 Grant for Local Matching Funds. Mrs. Kirkland explained that this match amount of \$174,652.00 was increased this year because she had applied for funds to replace the bus lift used in the City Garage. This cost is \$69,583.00 and the City will pay 20%. The city pledges to pay 50% of operating, 20% of admin and 20% of capital. There was a motion to approve the match by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Surplus Items for the Police Department**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1387** to surplus items for the Police Department. Mayor Dollar read a list of vehicles and reported that there were also radios, cameras, tablets and various other equipment that would be auctioned off or destroyed. Councilman Russell asked Chief Darnell if the vehicles were operational and Chief reported 3 were operational with high mileage and the others were damaged vehicles. There was a motion to approve the surplus made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Board Appointments**

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Board Reappointments be made:

Museum Board: Kathy Opolka and Chris Wright.

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.

**Announcements:**

- Hydrofest Weekend with Street Party on Thursday at the Harbor and Races Saturday and Sunday.
- Fourth of July Fireworks at Civitan Park 9 p.m. on the fourth.

**Public Comments**

Mr. David Busha of Buck's Lounge addressed the Council concerning a letter from Enforcement Officer Cheryl Smythe requesting his appearance at the meeting. Violations were:

Minors on premise  
Open after 2 a.m.  
Locking doors with people inside  
Mr. Busha drinking and bartending  
Sleeping in building  
Drinking in parking lot

Mr. Busha admitted he had made mistakes by letting pool games go after 2 a.m. He says he has security on weekends and bartenders card during the week. He agreed to keep minors out, not to lock doors, to close at 2 a.m. and knows he can't live there. He stated he has done a lot to improve the interior and does not want to lose his license and this is his first business to own.

Councilman Russell stated the Council wants him to be successful, but has no tolerance for minors being there and locking people in and the other violations. Councilman Whitaker stated the Council wants to make sure everyone follows the law. Councilman Ray was concerned about the number of police calls to the business. Councilman Dink Myers asked long he had been open and Mr. Busha replied it was almost one year. Mr. Busha promised he would have security 7 days a week and would do whatever it takes to stay open.

**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 July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024.**

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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK