

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Guntersville, Alabama  
Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 at 12:00 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 July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 at 11:30 p.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: John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins and Larry Wilson 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 June 24<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 Ray, seconded by Councilman John Myers 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:

**Municipal Court:** An interviewing committee was formed by Mayor Dollar to fill the open position of Court Clerk/Magistrate. Interviews were conducted on internal and external applicants. The committee's selection is Angela White with an effective date of today, 7/1/24. 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. Mayor Dollar announce the retirement of Delana Weaver from the Magistrate Office resulting in the position of Court Clerk/Magistrate being filled.

**Resolution to Approve of Holston Rd Bid**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1388** to approve of Holston Road bid. The City opened bids on paving and the low bidder was Rogers Group from Huntsville with a bid of \$661,750.00. There was a motion to accept the bid made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Phase II Change Order**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for a Phase II change order. The price of the project will be unchanged, instead the number of days will be extended from 300 to 330. The project should complete on July 30. 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.

**Approval of 1905 Beard St Settlement**

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes to explain the 1905 Beard Street settlement. Mr. Warnes stated the City started the condemnation procedure, the owner appealed and the Court ruled in favor of the City. The owner has offered the City a quick claim deed to the property and Mr. Warnes recommended accepting the offer to save time and expense. There was a motion to accept offer made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**A & D LLC (Anthony Looney)**

Mayor Dollar announced the next item on the agenda was the sales tax issue with A & D LLC/Anthony Looney. Mayor Dollar Called on City Clerk to report on the account. Clerk Betty Jones reported that Mr. Anthony was currently caught up on the current taxes and the payments on the arrears and stated she would continue to monitor and report to the Council.

**Clase Azul Night Club & Bar (Jennifer Tavar & Jose Adolfo Cepeda)**

Mayor Dollar called on Jose Cepeda and Jennifer Tavar of Clase Azul Night Club & Bar and Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report on ordinance violations issues. Officer Smythe read a list of violations including minors inside and outside the premises, problems with not closing by 2 a.m. with 60-70 people inside after 2 am with doors locked and officers having to repeatedly try to get their attention at the locked door, minors with no ID's and drinking in the parking lot.

Jose Cepeda stated the he had no excuses. He stated the minors were family members who came to pick up another family member who worked there. He stated he was trying to keep more people from coming in after 2 am.

Councilman Russell stated just one juvenile on your premise justified revocal of your license. Councilman Russell stated he was very protective of minors and each time the officers are call to the business it is using city resources. C. Russell stated that closed at 2 am means closed and gone and asked both owner if they understood what he was saying to them and they both stated the understood.

Councilman. Whitaker reminded Mr. Cepeda that at his business license approval meeting he had given Mr. Cepeda a list of what not to do since this the previous owner had had her license revoked. This current business is on thin ice and you have not shown you are a responsible owner and this was the last chance.

Councilman Ray pointed out that Mr. Cepeda's competitor across the street was before the council at the last meeting and that the Council is watching all lounges and the Council is serious about the rules

Councilman Dink Myers stated this is in his district and the Council must answer to the public and enough is enough. Next time will not be pleasant.

Councilman John Myers asked Mr. Cepeda if he would consider closing at 1:00 am to avoid some of the trouble.

Mayor Dollar stated that closed at 2:00 am means gone inside and out.

Mr. Cepeda asked for the police to come by every day at 2:00 am to help to get the people to leave and Councilman. Ray made it clear to him that it was his responsibility, not our police responsibility to do the work for him.

**Legends Bar & Grill (Ryan & Michelle Garrett)**

Mayor Dollar stated the next item on the agenda was Legends Bar & Grill/Ryan & Michelle Garrett concerning unpaid sales tax. The Garretts did not come to the Council Meeting. Councilman Whitaker asked the City Attorney to write them a letter.

**Board Appointment**

Mayor Dollar recommended a board appointment of Chaney Williams to Historic Preservation Board to replace Sarah Martin who resigned. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Announcements**

- Fireworks and concert July4
- Nina & Pinta to arrive July15 thru Aug 15.

Mayor Dollar announced the Council would go upstairs for an executive session, would adjourn upstairs and no further action would be taken by the Council.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024.**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**