

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, July 15th 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 July 15th 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, 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.

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the July 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 Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker 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:

Police Department: Chief Ryan Darnell has selected applicant Jacob Lewis to fill the vacant position of Rookie Police Officer. Mr. Lewis will be required to successfully complete APOST academy which will begin in August. Mr. Lewis began his employment as a full-time employee on July 9, 2024. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Museum Roof Repair

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1389** to approve museum roof repair. Estimates were taken and it was determined the best bid estimate was Core Construction Group at a cost of \$59,452.00 (the Museum has a grant for \$50,000.00 to cover) Core Construction has done the Garage and Transportation roofs for the City. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Change Orders for Recycling Building

Emmett Smith reported to the Council on three change orders for the Recycling Building. First was for a 75 day extension due to delays in metal supplies and weather. Mr. Smith said this met the requirements of the bid. 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. Second was a credit to use aluminum instead of copper wiring. Mr. Smith recommended using the aluminum and taking a \$4,000 credit. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Third was a credit of \$500.00 for the City to provide its own signage inside the building. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for a Rezone Request

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a rezone request by Express Oil Change for property located at 12001 US Hwy 431 from BG1 to BG2. There was a motion to set hearing on August 19th at 5:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Hardin Road Traffic Control Study Results

Mayor Dollar announced that Skipper Construction recommended the City had the traffic going the correct way on Hardin Road and recommended additional markings on the pavement. Councilman Whitaker suggested contacting ALDOT to make the Highway 431 and Wyeth Drive intersection safer.

Public Comments:

- Judy Richardson, Angie Moon, Mike Longsberry, Barbara Teal and Charlie Williams all spoke to the council concerning the increased traffic due to the fourth of July fireworks show. They stated people parked in driveways and yards and left cars and trash for residents to clean up. They also talked about the daily speeders, closing the beach and that more enforcement is needed and multi-language signs. Mayor Dollar stated a meeting will be set with the resident and the Police Chief to discuss the concerns. Councilman Watkins asked to be part of the committee.
- Scott Nehkal purchased a lot down from CBI and built a building to house his RV and wanted to place a container for bikes, etc and found out when he called for a permit that they were not permitted. He stated this is zoned I-2. Mayor Dollar stated she would check with the Building Official and get back to him.
- Councilman Whitaker asked Chief Darnell to address the problems on Hwy 227 for the large trucks blocking traffic across 5 lanes. The property the trucks are one and Pilgrim's Pride have been contacted.

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 August 5th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK