

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, August 19th 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 August 19th 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.

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the August 5th 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 Dink 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:

Police Department: Mark Fortune, Captain of Investigations, has selected applicant Tim Creel to fill the vacant position of Investigator. Mr. Creel has accepted our offer and is scheduled to begin his full-time employment on September 3, 2024. 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 to Surplus Vehicle for Parks & Rec

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No 1394** to Surplus Vehicle for Parks & Recreation Department. This is a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer that was stolen from the Recreation Center then and recovered. Garage Supervisor Jackie Kirkland has determined that it needs to be surplused and sold. There was a motion to surplus made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by C. John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Request to Demo 1513 West Street

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1395** to approve demolition of 1513 West Street and called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe stated the property was in an unsafe condition, was not structurally sound, with roof with gaping holes, walls collapsing and very overgrown with vines. The owner has not filed a request to delay and she asked permission for Eric Self to get an estimate on demo. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Veteran's Park Change Order

Mayor Dollar entertain a motion to Approve of Veteran's Park Change Order No. 1 for additional concrete of \$9,880.80. Matt Bryant reported to the Council that this would deal with the issue of sheet water and this would provide curbing to reroute the flooding water to a catch basin. There was a motion to approve the change order made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Barge Design Solutions Engineering Services Agreement

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve an agreement with Barge Designs Solutions for engineering services at the Guntersville Municipal Airport for Construction of an 8-Unit T-Hangar Budget for engineering is \$123,047.00. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Property Purchase

Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve a property purchase of 29 acres directly across from the Recreation Center on Sunset Drive. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for immediate consideration and there was a motion made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Motion to purchase the property for 1.4 million was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Storage for the Wyndham Garden Hotel

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe to report on a request from the Wyndham Garden Hotel to allow storage containers during their renovations. Mrs. Smythe reported that the hotel was undergoing renovations and the containers were used to store the new furniture and the old as it is removed. They have asked to have the containers until April 30, 2025. There was a motion to approve the agreement made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Express Oil Change

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for a rezone request by Express Oil Change for property located at 12001 US Hwy 431 from BG1 to BG2. Justin Duck of Express Oil and realtor Norman

Bonds addressed the Council in support. No one spoke from the public in opposition. Councilman Wilson asked about an exit on the residential side and they explained that exit would only be used by emergency and garbage pickup. The Title Company requires the BG2 zoning. The Planning Commission had turned down the change. Councilman Wilson was concerned that on this side of the road was BGI and BG2 is further down and across the street. Councilman Whitaker asked if the Council approved were they sure they were going to build? The answer was yes, 1000%. Mr. Duck stated that they have a 20 year lease, they want to be in Guntersville and they had never closed any stores ever. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | No | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Set Public Hearing for Southern Fare Ventures

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion set a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Southern Fare Ventures LLC DBA The Glover located at 524 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville AL. This is due to a delay in advertising issues and will be set for September 3rd at 12:00 noon. There was a motion to set the hearing made by Councilman Dink Myers and seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Annexation Request

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1156** to request annexation of property located at 43 Red Barn Road (PIN: 80174). Mayor Dollar stated that this request to annex is to send the child in the home to the Guntersville School System and asked the Council to consider immediate consideration. There was a motion for immediate consideration made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Mayor Dollar read a portion of the description with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. This annexation has been recommended by the Planning Commission. There was a motion to annex made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 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 | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Reschedule Council Meeting

Mayor Dollar recommended that the September 2nd meeting be rescheduled to September 3rd due to the Labor Day Holiday. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Mayor Dollar stated the Council would take a field trip after the noon meeting.

Announcements:

- Two large recycling trailers are placed at the Wahoo and the Beach area.
- Mayor's Youth Council applications are be taken

Public Comments:

Eddie Allen of 3008 Willow Beach asked if ALDOT had agreed to place a red light where the new ABC store is to be opened soon. Mayor Dollar stated she is in touch with ALDOT about this intersection. Mr. Allen asked if there was a plan for Labor Day traffic at the Beach Area and Mayor Dollar said the Police and Rec Center are working on it.

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 September 3rd 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK