

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Tuesday, September 16th 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 September 16th 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 September 3rd 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:

Fire Department: Applicant Mr. Austin Carroll was selected to fill the open position of Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Carroll has accepted our job offer and he began as a full-time employee on 9/17/24. There was a motion to accept made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Bid for Multi-Use Trail Expansion

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1398** to accept the bid for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail Expansion. Bids were sought and opened with Vulcan Materials having the low bid of \$283,398.00. This project had to be bid out instead of using the City's yearly bid price with Vulcan because it will be paid for with federal funds. Mayor Dollar noted that had the City been able to use its yearly bid price that was in place, the cost would have been \$200,000.00 less. There was a motion to accept the bid made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Apply for CDBG Grant for Airport/ACE

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1399** to apply for a CDBG Grant for the Airport/ACE Aeronautics. This is \$800,000.00 for access road and site improvements. The grant will go through the City, but the match will be funded by ACE Aeronautics. 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 Apply for Annual State Funds for the Airport

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1400** to apply for the annual state funding for the Airport's 2025 grant for the a new terminal building and terminal parking lot. There was a motion to authorize the Mayor to apply made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Name Alley

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1401** to name the alley from Taylor Street to Scott Street Old Town Street. This is to enable E911 to assign a business address to someone in this alley. There was a motion to approve the name made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Deem 3708 Perry Street Unsafe

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1402** to deem 3708 Perry Street and unsafe structure and to approve demo. This was carried over from the last meeting. Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe reported that the owner had received the packet and asked the Council to approve the demo since this was a dangerous site. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Change Order for Recycling Center

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for Council's approval of a change order for the new Recycling Center. Engineer Houston Jenkins reported to the Council that paving was not addressed in the original bid and there are 3 areas outside doors that needed to be concreted. The additional concrete pads would cost \$24,310.00 and he felt that compared to other bids this was very reasonable. There was a motion to approve the change made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Agreement with Barge Design Solutions

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for Council's approval to of an agreement with Barge Design Solutions to develop a schematic design for the new terminal at the Airport at a cost of \$49,606.00. 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.

Approve Widening Kennamer Circle

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve the widening of Kennamer Circle from Highway 431 to the subdivision from 12 feet to 24 feet. ALDOT is seeking a letter to do so from the City. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Council Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Rezone of 3571 Hide Away Drive

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a rezone request for property located at 3571 Hide Away Drive from BG-1 to BG-2. This change had been denied by the Planning Commission. There was a motion to set the hearing for October 21st made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Placing Shipping Container at Soccer Field

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to place a shipping container at the Soccer Field to be used for storage until a building could be built. This requires Council approval. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the reappointment of Jeff McLaughlin & Ken Scheinert to the Historic Preservation Board and Ashley Hayes Bice to the Marshall County Tourism and Sports Board. There was a motion to approve the appointments made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Mountain Valley Fall Concerts at Errol Allen Park will start next week and continue for the next 6 weeks

Public Comments:

- Eddie Allen 3008 Willow Beach Road stated that the current State Law regarding cell phones could be enforced if there was another violation and stated that Huntsville has a law that enables police to give tickets for the use of cell phones alone without another violation and asked the Guntersville follow suit.
- Matt Barksdale addressed the Council concerning an EMP shield to protect City rescue vehicles and buildings by installing these devices. He is not a representative of this company but believes strongly in being prepared.

Mayor Dollar announced the Council was going on a tour of the High School after the meeting today.

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 October 7th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK