

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, January 6th 2025 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 January 6th 2025 at 11:30 a.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: Sanchez Watkins, John Myers, Larry Wilson, 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 December 16th 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 Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar announced that there was no report for this meeting

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

Mayor Dollar called on Public Transportation Director Lori Kirkland who reported to the Council on **Resolution No. 1418** for Public Transportation to request financial assistance (Section 5311) and to authorize the Mayor to apply on behalf of the City. Mrs. Kirkland explained that ALDOT is requesting this for the 2026 year. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Public Transportation to Apply for Section 5311 Grant for Local Matching Funds

Lori Kirkland reported to the council on **Resolution No. 1419** for Public Transportation to apply for Section 5311 grant for local matching funds for the year 2026. This pledges a City match of \$117,386.00. Mayor Dollar stated that this was for 2026. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Bid for Radios for the Fire Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1420** to approve a bid for radios for the Fire Department in the amount of \$33,593.22 from Motorola through the State Bid. Mayor Dollar called on Fire Chief Brian Walls who reported that this will accommodate the old and new systems and will serve as a backup if the system ever went down. This will also help with our ISO rating. This is a budgeted item. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve ATRIP 2 – Hwy 69 Bid Approval

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1421** to approve ATRIP 2 – Hwy 69 Bid. Six bids were received and the low bidder was Rogers Group with a bid of \$665,454.00 with a 0 local match. This will be work done on the signal upgrades and turn lane at Highway 69. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Change Order for Senior Center, Kiwanis Pier, L. B. Wallace Pavilion, Pier Entrance Structure and Rotary Cabin

Mayor Dollar read the following change order for Senior Center, Kiwanis Pier, L. B. Wallace Pavilion, Pier Entrance Structure and Rotary Cabin:

Changes in completion dates:

- Senior Center from 12-16-24 to 4-11-25
- Kiwanis Pier from 5-30-25 to 7-17-25
- LB Wallace Pavilion from 3-10-25 to 4-27-25
- Pier Entrance from 11-24-25 to 9-17-25
- Rotary Cabin from 12-16-24 to 5-18-25

Mayor Dollar reported to the council that Emmett Smith has approved these dates and understood the reasons on each change due to the circumstances on each one. There was a motion to accept the changes made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Councilman Wilson abstaining.

Alabama Gas Tax Disbursement Report

Mayor Dollar called on Building Official Eric Self to give the annual Alabama Gas Tax Disbursement Report. Mr. Self gave the following report: As per the Code of Alabama, this is the annual report to the Council that the City of Guntersville received \$83,163.15 in Rebuild Alabama Funds in the fiscal year 2024. Our total received to date is \$293,663.18 and this will be saved in a separate bank account to be used on future projects. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Change to the second Council Meeting of January from Monday 20th to Tuesday 21st due to Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Federal offices closed for President Carter's funeral
- The opening of the new Guntersville High School was very successful and exciting.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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 January 2st 2025 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21^s DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK