

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, December 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 December 16th 2024 at 4:30 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: 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 2nd 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 Russell 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:

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Police Department: Promotional interviews were recently conducted to fill the position of Sergeant. It is the recommendation of Chief Ryan Darnell that Officer Larry Soloman be promoted to the position of Sergeant. 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. Chief Darnell called on Larry Soloman's wife to pin his new badge and congratulated him.

Approve Change Order for Recycling Center

Mayor Dollar announced the next item on the agenda was to approve a change order for Recycling Center concerning the electrical, but the information had not been received on the project and would be carried over to the next meeting.

Amendment to the Business License Ordinance (Real Estate Business License)

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for immediate consideration of an amendment to the business license. The real estate business license has been changed by the legislature. This proposed new rate mirrors Huntsville's schedule. There was a motion to consider immediately was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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 amend the business ordinance by **Ordinance No. 1158** was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Approve Avenu Tax Service Agreement

Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve the Avenu Tax Service agreement. This is a 3 year agreement extending our association with Avenu who collects the sales and other taxes for the City of Guntersville. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Mike Dendy Public Hearing

Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes to report to the council on the Mike Dendy Public Hearing. Mr. Warnes stated that Mr. Dendy had retained counsel and has asked for extra time to prepare and asked that the hearing be reset as a special called meeting for 1:30 p.m. after the regular council meeting on January 6th 2025. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Attorney Warnes stated that the council had instructed that no permits be issued to Mr. Dendy, but advised that the retaining walls were dangerous and needed to be addressed and to make the corrections mandated by ADEM. Councilman Whitaker requested that Mr. Dendy notify the Building Official when the work would be done and also noted that the work would be done with Mr. Dendy's supervision or someone he appointed to supervise to comply with ADEM. There was a motion to approve building permits for the retaining walls on Lot 7 and Lot 8 in River Pointe Subdivision made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Reschedule Meeting

Mayor Dollar asked for immediate consideration to change the date of the January 20th 2025 meeting to January 21st due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There was a motion made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion to change the January 20th meeting to January 21st at 5:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Harbor Properties LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing January 21st 2024 for a rezone request by Harbor Properties LLC for property located at 0 US Hwy 431 Guntersville from RS1 to BG1. There was a motion to set the hearing made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Employee Lunch tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at Recreation Center
- Non Essential City Services will be closed December 24th – 25th and Jan 1st with modifications to garbage pickup.

Public Comments:

Unique Dunston, Andromeda Hardings, Ashley Wiggs, Brenda May, Kent Looney, Brantley Jones, Tashaa Leslie, Jarion Hundley, Elbert Hundley, Larry Harris and 5 students spoke on the closing of the Leadership Center at Lakeview asking the Council to reconsider the decision not to renew the lease on the building.

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 6th 2025 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK