

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, February 17th 2025 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 February 17th 2025 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: John Myers, Larry Wilson, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins and Carson Ray were 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 February 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 Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar announced there was no report tonight.

Resolution to Approve Lien (Fixing Cost) on Property Located at 1513 West Street

Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report on the 1513 West Street property. Ms. Smythe introduced **Resolution No. 1428** to approve lien (fixing cost) on property located at 1513 West Street of \$6,495.00 for demolition, admin and attorney fees and read a description of the property located in Plat Book 2 on page 41 in the Probate Office. There was a motion to approve the lien made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Change Order for Phase II

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a change order for Phase II of a reduction of \$20,000.00 for curb and millwork. Public Works Director Charlie Minor reported to the Council that the trouble spots had been corrected and that with the other reductions in the contract the project could be completed and that the parking lot will be better than before. There was motion to agree to the reduction to cover the cost made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Rezone Request by Clokey-Maddox Properties

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a public hearing for a rezone request by David Clokey and Cynthia Maddox with Clokey-Maddox Properties LLC to rezone property located at 301 Blount Avenue from BR to BG-1A. Teresa Staggs of 309 Blount Avenue spoke in Opposition and mainly talked about the parking not being adequate and that all other surrounding businesses were owner run and not rentals for investment.

Mike Maddox of 513 S 3rd Street of Gadsden stated that the building was falling in disrepair and their goal was to bring it back to a building to be proud of and that the license would determine the number of parking spaces needed.

The Council posed several questions concerning the parking for different tenants and that any restrictions by the Historical Committee would have to be met. After a lengthy discussion Councilman Dink Myers made a motion to approve the zoning change. Councilman Whitaker seconded the motion with the understanding that the parking requirements be met, and Historical approval be met and that a license be issued to business that fit the number of required parking spaces. Councilman Dink Myers amended his motion to accept Councilman Whitaker's second. The Clerk recorded the following roll call vote:

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

Motion failed due to a lack of majority of the full Council to pass an ordinance.

Set a Public Hearing for Allenhouse LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing on March 3rd, 2025 for Allenhouse LLC DBA Cash Allens Pub located at 412 Old Town Street, Guntersville, AL 35976 for a Lounge Liquor License. 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.

Funding Request by MVAC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion from Mountain Valley Arts Council request from Tourism Fund for \$12,000.00. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to appoint Brenda May to fill the term of Ophelia Chandler who passed away until April and to reappoint to a full term and to reappoint Jim Nix to the Museum Board. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Lady Civitan Tablescape fundraiser February 22nd at RSVP
- Boys Wildcat Basketball are playing Wednesday 26th in the Final 4
- Depot Open House was a success with a big crowd,
- Mose T exhibit at Museum
- Mayor Dollar commended the Public Works department for the handling of the Patterson Street landslide
- Mayor Dollar announced a C O for the New Recycling Building had been issued and moving was beginning.

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 February 17th 2025 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 17th DAY OF February 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK