

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, February 3rd 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 February 3rd 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 January 21st 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 upon Renea Rowan for the personnel report:

Building Inspection Department: Eric Self selected applicant Steven T. Franks to fill the vacant position of Building Inspector. Mr. Franks accepted our job offer and he began as a full-time employee today, 2/3/25.

Street/Maintenance Department: Charlie Minor selected Benjamin Martin to fill the vacant position of Equipment Operator I. Mr. Martin accept our job offer and began as a full-time employee today, 2/3/25.

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

Approve Change Order for Phase II

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a change order for Phase II (parking lot) for the removal of wearing surface at a cost of \$62,604.50 from the contract. The pavement has failed in 6 places. The engineer recommended that the parking lot be concreted, but there are several high powered gas lines and electrical lines that the City was not in favor of covering with concrete. With this removal from the contract City forces will remove the payment and check to see if the recommended fabric was in place. Public Works Director Charlie Minor stated he will document, refill and correct. Councilman Wilson was afraid that if we removed it, it would become our word against their word for what had been done to correct the problem previously. Councilman Whitaker stated that we need lots of documentation. Mr. Minor assured the Council he would take pictures and videos. Councilman Wilson asked if heavy equipment would damage it in the future and Mr. Minor reported after his repairs that it would handle the car traffic. Mr. Minor expected the corrective work to be completed in two weeks. There was a motion to approve the contract change and the City proceed with the corrective work made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Request from Circle K

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe to report on a request by Circle K Located at 20146 US Hwy 431 for (2) 40ft Containers and (1) 130 Yard Dumpster Placed on Site for a Duration of 3 Months. Mrs. Smythe reported that she had received a letter requesting the containers for the 3 month timeframe. Mayor Dollar added that our zoning does not allow containers without Council approval. 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. Councilman Wilson stated that he would like to look at a buffer at the back of the station due to unsightly storage and debris at the back of the station. Mrs. Smythe was asked to look at this problem.

Consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings LLC for the Lake Guntersville Chamber Banquet at City Harbor Event Center Located at 2465 Paddle Wheel Dr, Guntersville, AL on March 6th 2025. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins, 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	Abstain

Funding Request from the Whole Backstage

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve the Whole Backstage Funding Request from the Tourism Fund for \$16,000.00 for repairs to the building, including painting the hall ceilings, refinishing the hall floors, repair of a bathroom, removal of a wall and reconfiguring of three storage rooms. The building is owned by the City and leased to the Whole Backstage. This is being done before the Fall State sponsored pilgrimage when visitors will be touring the premises. There was a motion to approve the funds made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Council will tour Senior Center and go to Ribbon Cutting at Browns Creek Boat Launch
- Councilman John Myers announced the ground breaking ceremony for a new TARCOG building at 10 am on Friday

Councilman Watkins read a statement to the Council apologizing to the Mayor, Council and City for his actions on January 21st and stated that he will do better and always do what is best for the City.

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