

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, October 21st 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 October 21st 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, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, and Rich Russell. Larry Wilson and Randy Whitaker 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 October 7th 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 John Myers 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:

Police Department: An interviewing committee selected Lucas Combs to fill the open position of Police Officer. Mr. Combs is APOST certified. He accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee today, October 21, 2024. There was a motion to accept made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Fixing of Cost on 1905 Beard Street

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe to report on the resolution for fixing of cost on 1905 Beard Street. Mrs. Smythe reported that the demo, administrative cost and attorney fees were \$13,352.65 and read the description of the property listed in Plat Book 6, page 56 with additional information on deed found in Book 944, Page 281 recorded 1-30-99. There was a motion to approve **Resolution No. 1408** made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Hearing to Contest Cost of Work at 1417 McCoy Street

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a hearing to contest the cost of mowing and vines/debris removal at 1417 McCoy Street (Pin # 23714) by the Public Works Department on August 29th 2024. No one attended the meeting to contest the cost so **Resolution No. 1409** to approve the lien for work done on property located at 1417 McCoy Street by the City of \$250.00 was introduced. There was a motion to approve the lien made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Proposed Change Order for Parks & Rec Project

Mayor Dollar called on Emmett Smith to report the proposed change order for Parks & Rec Project involving Rotary Cabin and the Senior Center.

Rotary Cabin: substandard soil was discovered and the building was moved away from the underground pipes that were discovered under the building and in order to avoid a retaining wall having to be installed, it was decided that a deck would be much more desirable. These changes amounted to \$58,812.14 for deck and plumbing costs of \$31,699.95.

Senior Center: major plumbing problems discovered, no insulation on pipes, sewer is flowing backwards and the 3 ft high block at the base of the building was not attached and was loose. It was also decided to install a sidewalk from the senior center to the splash pad resulting in a \$43,772.45 cost.

Councilman Russell noted that with the changes made, we were still under the cost we would have had if we demoed the whole building. This change order with other deductions amounted to \$131,572.61. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for 3571 Hide Away Drive

Mayor Dollar announced this portion of the meeting would serve as a public hearing for a rezone request for property located at 3571 Hide Away Drive from BG-1 to BG-2. This request was turned down unanimously by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Dollar announced that the two absent Councilmen Wilson and Whitaker were both opposed to the rezoning to BG-2 in a residential area that this borders with narrow streets. Councilman Russell made a motion to deny the rezoning, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and was denied on the following and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Hearing for Jax Bar & Grill

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for DML Enterprises LLC DBA Jax Bar & Grill located at 2140 Gunter Avenue. No one spoke in opposition. The owner, Michelle Lassey of New Market spoke in support stating they had opened the bar downstairs and have taken over the restaurant upstairs also. Councilman Russell asked if the bar had had any violations since they had been opened and she said that had not. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Absent | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Absent |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Annexation Request by Duckett Holdings LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for immediate consideration to act on an Annexation Request from Duckett Holdings LLC for Property Located on Lake Creek Drive due to pending sales on the property. Mayor Dollar read a portion of the description with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. There was a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Absent | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Absent |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Motion to annex by **Ordinance No. 1157** was made by Councilman Ray, seconded Councilman Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Yes | 5. Dink Myers | Yes |
| 2. Larry Wilson | Absent | 6. Rich Russell | Yes |
| 3. John Myers | Yes | 7. Randy Whitaker | Absent |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Katy Norton with Marshall County Tourism and Sports

Mayor Dollar called on Katy Norton to give her annual report on Marshall County Tourism & Sports. Mrs. Norton reported that they had doubled advertising to get new visitors and is using the YouTube channel as a marketing tool and is planning a newsletter. She reported new software that allows the agency to track where visitors are from and the amount of money they spend. Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to renew the contract for another year. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Concerts in the park will continue through Oct 31 on each Thursday
- Veterans Park will be dedicated with a celebration November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Public Comments:

Mark Frazier and Jim Emmenegger addressed the council concerning the Hardin Road direction of traffic complaining that they wanted the direction reversed so they could use it a way to connect to Wyeth Drive. Mr. Frazier stated now it only benefited the people who lived on Hardin Road and that it was dangerous to go to the intersection.

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 November 4th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK