

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, November 18th 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

There Council went into Executive Session prior to the Council Meeting to discuss possible litigation.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in City Hall in said city on November 18th 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, Larry Wilson, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. John Myers was 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 November 4th 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:

Sanitation Department: Jamie Bishop selected Codey Propes to fill the vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Propes accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 11/4/24.

Fire Department: Promotional testing was conducted in October in order to fill the vacant position of Engineer. FF Hayden Mann had the overall highest score. Chief Brian Walls made the recommendation that he be promoted to the position of Engineer. This promotion was effective 11/10/24.

Police Department: Promotional interviews were recently conducted to fill the position of Lieutenant. It is the recommendation of Chief Ryan Darnell that Sgt. Chris Bishop be promoted to the position of Lieutenant. This promotion shall be effective on 12/8/24. There was a motion to accept made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. After the vote, Police Chief Ryan Darnell presented Sgt. Chris Bishop with his promotional badge.

Resolution to Surplus Sweeper Body and Approve Purchase of New Sweeper

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1414** to surplus a sweeper body and approve the purchase of new sweeper thru Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. Mayor Dollar announced the City would sell old sweeper body at auction and purchase new sweeper at a cost of \$356,390.00, this is a budgeted item. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Surplus Items for Fire Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1415** to surplus stems for the Fire Department. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

Fire Department

3 Simulation Mannequins - None working

6 Simulation Mannequins Cases

50" Emerson TV – Does not work

13 Various Pictures

4 Computer Monitors

4 Desk Phones

There was a motion to approved made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Request Demo of 1720 Williamson Street

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1416** to request demolition at 1720 Williamson Street and called on Cheryl Smythe and Eric Self. Mrs. Smythe presented pictures to the Council and stated the structure was unsafe, a blight on the economy of the neighborhood and a danger to the health and welfare of the community. Councilman Watkins reported no one had lived there in 38 years and the neighbors were in agreement with the demolition. No one was present to object to the demo. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Request Demo of 1532 Rayburn Avenue

Mayor Dollar introduced a Resolution to Request Demolition 1532 Rayburn Avenue. Mrs. Smythe presented pictures to the Council and reported that this was an unsafe structure, a danger to the health and welfare of the community and a blight on the economy of the neighborhood. The back wall was collapsed, and it was unfit for human habitation. The time had run out for an appeal, but a letter had been received from Mr. Kenneth L. Rorie on November 7th asking for the property not to be demoed. Mr. Rorie addressed the Council stating that he and a partner were in the process of rehabilitating 5 homes and this was the last one. They had been converting old properties into homes for veterans and the other four are now occupied by the veterans. Mr. Rorie asked for 120 days to get the home completed. He stated that he has a 5013C and that he had completed the house next door to this one. Mr. Rorie was asked about the trash and he said that another house in the neighborhood had been dumping trash on the property. Councilman Whitaker stated he respected what he was trying to do and asked him if he could get a plan by the next council meeting. Mr. Rorie stated he could. There was a motion to table the issues until the December 2nd Council Meeting made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Proposal for Engineering Services with CDG Engineers

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a proposal for engineering services with CDG Engineers for Intersection Improvements at US Highway 431 and Reed Road/Drive In Road at a cost of \$20,900.00. This will be a concept plan, but a traffic warrant analysis and report for a potential new red light. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Change Order for Bridge Trail (No Cost)

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a change order for the Bridge Trail changing from wire to fiber at no cost to the City. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approval for Application for a 26a Permit for Kayak Launch

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval of an application for a 26a Permit for Kayak Launch at Phase One at the Recreation Center between Optimist Field and the old bathrooms. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Nina and Pinta Agreement

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for the approval of Nina and Pinta to extend the stay for the winter. Councilman Whitaker made a motion that it be approved with City Attorney approval. This was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for N-Style Consignment Boutique

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for N-Style Consignment Boutique LLC DBA N-Style Consignment Boutique located at 414 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville AL for a On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License No one spoke in Opposition or Support. There was a motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Announcements:

- The Nina & Pinta are back at Harbor
- City Hall will be closed Thursday 28th and Friday 29th as well as all other non-essential Departments
- Christmas Tree lighting at Errol Alan Park on December 3rd

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 December 2nd 2024 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK