

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, November 4th 2024 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 November 4th 2024 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: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins 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 October 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 on Renea Rowan to give the following Personnel Report:

Fire Department: An interviewing committee selected Haddon Hines to fill the position of Firefight/EMT. Mr. Hines accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin his employment, as a full-time employee, on 11/7/24. There was a motion to accept made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Potential Series 2025 Warrants

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1410** to authorize an analysis for potential Series 2025 Warrants for Athletic Improvements at the New High School. Dr. Barnett reported the next phase at the High School is athletic improvements in the amount of \$15,000,000.00. This will enable the city, bond company and school board to start working to see if it is better to finance through the school or the City. Bob Young reported that rates were good and should have a recommendation back by December or January. Mayor Dollar asked Mr. Young if the school debt effects the City's debt limit and Mr. Young assured Mayor Dollar school debt did not affect the City's debt limit. Councilman Ray asked Dr. Barnett if the money from the county tax was what they had expected and he said it was not, but had been improving the last couple of months. There was a motion to approve the resolution made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve ATRIP II Grant Application

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1411** to approve an ATRIP II grant application to improve roadway areas around Guntersville High School and called on Matt Hawes with CDG Engineering to report. Mr. Hawes stated that this qualifies for an ATRIP II Grant: cost is \$1.823 million and the City match would be \$144,300.00. Aging signals will be replaced and be more efficient and new markings will make safer, improving exits and traffic movement at Wyeth Drive and Spring Creek.

Councilman Russell asked if this Mr. Hawes agreed with the Skipper Consulting study and would this make the area safer and more efficient and Mr. Hawes stated that is correct.

Councilman Whitaker stated he was worried about young drivers and also the boat ramp in the area and asked if the turn at Wyeth Drive could accommodate cars pulling large boats. Mr. Hawes stated they had taken this into consideration also. Councilman Dink Myers asked about new construction at Spring Creek and Mr. Hawes stated it would work the same but be improved. Mayor Dollar stated that if the grant were awarded, the City will still have a say in the final plan. Councilman Russell stated warning signs were needed at the top of the mountain for strangers in the area. Matt Hawes stated they will look at the crash data. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve JBW&T Contract for TAP Grant

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1412** to approve the JBW&T contract for the TAP Grant for the engineering on the concrete and asphalt on the bridge walking trail at a cost of \$42,509.70. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by C. John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for Public Works and Public Transportation

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1413** to surplus items for Public Works and Public Transportation. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

Public Transportation

Forward 4 Post 30,000 pound lift with 2 18,000 pound rolling jacks and one 30 gallon oil tray

2014 Ford F350 Vin#1FDEE3FL8ED147699

2019 Ford F350 Vin#1FDEE3FS3KDC39082

Public Works

2008 International 400 DuraStar Loader Truck VIN# 1HTMKAAR48H638055

2008 International 400 DuraStar Dump Truck VIN# 1HTMKAAR18H638059

Mayor Dollar stated that one bus and the lift would be sold with 100 % proceeds going to the State because the State paid for it in full. The other bus would be split 80/20 with the State since the City only paid 20%. 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.

2024/2025 Budget

Mayor Dollar introduced the 2024/2025 Budget stating that this was a conservative budget this year with revenue for current projects covered, but no new projects other than \$150,000.00 for the boat launch on Highway 69. This included a 4% COLA raise for employees, change to 77/23 split on family insurance. No new employees had been added at this time. Councilman Wilson stated that he had to abstain from voting on a budget without another fire station in it and had to do what was right for his district. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Councilman Wilson abstaining.

Special Event License for Lady Civitan Club

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for the Guntersville Ladies Civitan Club for a charity fundraiser located at the Henry House 320 Blount Ave, Guntersville on December 5th 2024 for the Tour of Homes and on February 22nd 2025 at the Marshall County RSVP Building Located at 19272 US Hwy 431, Guntersville for Tablescape. Guntersville Ladies Civitan Club is a 501(3c). This will be no charge for 501 (3c) and just needs approval to go to ABC. There was a motion to approve both events made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Set a Public Hearing for N-Style Consignment Boutique

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set 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. Motion to set hearing for November 18th was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointment

Mayor Dollar recommended the reappointment of Mike Rutland, Judy Manning and Andy Hunter to the Historic Preservation Board. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present

Announcement:

- Go Vote tomorrow at Rec Center 7am-7pm
- Veterans Park will be dedicated November 11th at 11 a.m.
- Councilman Whitaker thanked the School Board for their work.

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 18th 2024 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK