

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, January 22nd 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in the Conference Room at City Hall in said city on January 22nd, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting at the Guntersville Town Hall at 5:00 p.m., Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. The following members of the Council were present: Sanchez Watkins, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell and Randy Whitaker. Larry Wilson was absent. Betty Jones was present and acted as Clerk for the meeting. Councilman Randy Whitaker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dollar welcomed visitors, declared that a quorum was present, and opened the meeting for business.

Minutes

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the January 2nd Regular Meeting have been distributed to the members of the Council. Mayor Dollar noted that the minutes need be corrected to show the bid price for the Horticulture Truck as \$48,056.50, it was previously reported the same as the Fire Truck bid at the prior meeting. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan who gave the following Personnel Report:

Fire Department: An interviewing committee has selected applicants David Hill to fill the position of Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Hill accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 1/13/24.

Police Department: Mr. Rogelio Gaspar Sebastian was selected to fill the position of Communications Officer. Mr. Sebastian accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 12/27/23.

Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor selected Mr. James Harris to fill the position of Skilled Laborer. Mr. Harris accepted our offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on 1/8/24.

Retirements 1/1/24:

Fire Department: Fire Marshall Buddy Pettry and Lt. Wesley Mann

Street/Maintenance: Doug Mulder

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

Mayor Dollar announced the retirement of Police Chief Jim Peterson, thanking him for his service to the City. Mayor Dollar asked the Council to approve Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell as acting Chief until a permanent Chief could be named.

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

Surplus Items for Fire Department:

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1361** to surplus items for the Fire Department:

8 Recliners

1 Sanyo TV

These are to be donated to a charity or trashed. 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.

Employee Uniform Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1362** to approve the Employee Uniform Bid, beginning October 1st 2023 until September 30th 2026. Cintas Uniform Company was the only bidder and therefore will be awarded the bid. 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.

Approve Lease of Excavator for Public Works

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1363** to approve the lease of a new Volvo EC300E excavator for the Public Works Department. Director Charlie Minor reported to the Council that the old excavator's lease was up leaving a final payment of \$85,000.00. The payment on the new lease will be \$45,441.81 with a buyout payment of \$75,000.00 paid by Cowin Equipment. The City will have to pay the difference of \$10,000.00, but Mr. Minor quoted another bid with a payment of \$62,398.00 yearly so the Council will be considering this as the best deal for the City. All quotes were obtained through Sourcewell so they are state approved. This lease covers maintenance for the 5 years. There was a motion made to approve the lease by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Annexation Request by Edwin L. Bruner

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance for an annexation request by Edwin L Bruner for property located at 717 Buck Island Drive, to be Zoned RS-1. This is the first reading and will carry over to the next meeting for action.

Annexation Request by Clifford W. Kennamer

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance for an annexation request by Clifford W Kennamer for property located at 96 Kennamer Circle, to be Zoned RS-3 and an ordinance for an Annexation Request by Clifford W Kennamer for property located at 410 Rock Store Road, to be Zoned RS-3. Clay Smith represented Mr. Kennamer and reported to the Council that this was for 148 building lots, sized 50 x 150. The homes are expected to be 1500 to 2200 square feet each. They will have to come back to the planning commission with a plan for sewer, streets, etc. This is for zoning only and will be carried over to then next meeting for action.

Proclamation

Mayor Dollar read a portion of a Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation naming January 2024 Mentoring Month.

Announcements:

- The Council commended Public Works and all the Departments for the excellent response to the recent ice and snow event.

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 5th 2024 at 12:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK