

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Tuesday, January 2nd 2024 at 12:00 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 2nd, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting at the Guntersville Town Hall at 12:00 p.m., Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. 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 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 December 18th 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 Russell, 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 Andrew Webb, Jason Hogan, and Austin Wright to fill the positions of Firefighter/EMT. All applicants have accepted our job offer but a start date for each applicant has not been determined at this time. These three positions are additions previously added into the FY 23-24 budget. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Truck Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1359** to accept bids for a truck for Fire Department and for the Horticulture Department. There was only one bidder, and that was Donohoo Chevrolet with a bid of \$52,171.50 for the Fire Department truck and \$48,056.50 for the Horticulture truck, these are budgeted items. There was a motion made to accept the bids by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Defibrillator/Monitor Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1360** to accept the bid for defibrillator/monitor for Fire Department. The only bid received was from Stryker Sales for \$ 35, 801.46. This is a budgeted item and will be on the medic truck. There are smaller units throughout various City departments that are available in case of an emergency. Councilman Whitaker suggested to Chief Walls that more training be available to the City employees on how to operate these units. 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.

Approval of Settlement of the Chorba Dispute

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval of a settlement of the Chorba Dispute. Mayor Dollar reported that after negotiations, both parties had agreed on \$30,000.00 to settle. This will avoid the cost of litigation, preserve, and maintain the relationship with Chorba. Barge is to pay the City a small portion of this settlement. 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.

Approval of Innovate Alabama Grant Application

Mayor Dollar requested approval of Innovate Alabama Grant Application. This a technology grant for up to \$250,000.00 with no match and the application is due Friday, December 5th. The grant funds will pay for smart poles that will have security cameras and Wi-Fi in the area near the Middle School and near the new site for the Veterans Park. There was a motion made for the Mayor to apply for and sign the grant made by Councilman Whitaker seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Alabama Gas Tax Disbursement Report

Mayor Dollar called on Building Official Eric Self to give the Alabama Gas Tax Disbursement Report. This is a report mandated by the Rebuild Alabama Act requirements. Mr. Self reported to the Council that \$77,310.27 was received by the City in fiscal year 2023 and the City has received \$223,317.24 year to date and that this money will be held in a separate bank account to be spent on projects in the future. 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.

Announcements:

- Remember to vote Jan 9 in the State Senate Special Election
- January 15th meeting will be moved to January 16th due to the MLK holiday.

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 January 16th 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK