

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Guntersville, Alabama  
Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Personnel Report:** Mayor Dollar announced there was no Personnel Report

**Surplus Items for Horticulture:**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1364** to surplus a John Deere X740 mower for the Horticulture Department. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Un Surplus Transit Bus**

Mayor announced the City planned to unsurplus a transit bus that was surplused previously by the City via Resolution No. 1321. The Transportation Department is now going to keep the bus due to the long lead time to get a new one. Repairs will have to be done to this bus, but the grant will pay 80%. 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.

**Extend Old Post Office Agreement with the Whole Backstage**

Mayor Dollar announced that the Whole Backstage Theater had asked for a one month extension on the use of the Old Post Office building. They are using the building to store costumes while repairs are being made to their building. 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.

**Tourism Funding Request**

Mayor Dollar announced that Marshall Co Tourism has asked for \$50,000.00 funding for 2024 Hydrofest. This is the same amount used to co-sponsor the event each year from the tourism surcharge. 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.

**3605 Smith Street**

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe, Eric Self and Dan Warnes to Address the Breached Agreement from Resolution No. 1290 concerning 3605 Smith Street. Dan Warnes presented to the Council that with the previous agreement, none of the requirements had been accomplished. 75 pictures were presented to the Council as proof. Mayor Dollar read a list of conditions from the agreement as follows: Seal foundation 60 days, Repair cracks and missing foundation blocks 60 days, Repair cracks in walls 60 days, replace facet boarding 120 days, Electrical wiring in compliance and repair panel box 210 days, Repair water leaks and waterlines 270 days, Replace exterior siding 330 days. According to officials, none of these requirements were met in the past year, except some partial electrical work and a ditch dug for water line, but no water has been on at the property since 2019.

Mr. Beyers stated that substantial work had been done: doors and windows and some drywall patches. He stated basement needed fixing, and no plumbing fixture were connected. He stated that he had purchased \$2500 of rock that he planned to put around the foundation. Building Official Eric Self was asked if the foundation would support the rock and Mr. Self stated that he was not sure it was sufficient, but would have it inspected by someone. Mr. Beyers stated he had a good job and was doing the work in his spare time. He plans for this to be his retirement home when he retires in December 2024. He assured the Council he was a good citizen and asked the council for more time. Councilman Whitaker stated that he thought Mr. Beyers was trying, but would have to be monitored closely. Councilman Russell asked several times before Mr. Beyers stated that he would ask for 6 more month to make complete. Councilman Ray express concern that after 1 full year, Mr. Beyers did not hold up the agreement. Councilman Russell made a motion to table until next meeting and have attorneys draw up another agreement with deadlines. Attorney Warnes requested that in the new agreement Mr. Beyers waives the right to go to Circuit Court. Councilman Dink Myers expressed concern about the foundation, but seconded the motion to table for a new agreement on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Annexation Request for 717 Buck Island Drive**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1149** and read the description of the property. This request has been approved by Planning Commission was introduced at the last meeting. The annexation request by Edwin L Bruner for property located at 717 Buck Island Drive is to be Zoned RS-1. Motion to approve annexation was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**Annexation Request for 96 Kennamer Circle**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1150** and read the description of the property. This request has been approved by Planning Commission and introduced at the last meeting. The annexation request by Clifford W Kennamer for property located at 96 Kennamer Circle is to be Zoned RS-3. Motion to approve annexation was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Ray and Myers and passed on 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray      | Yes    | 8. Leigh Dollar   | Yes |

**Annexation Request for 410 Rock Store Road**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1151** and read a portion of the description of the property with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. This request has been approved by Planning Commission and introduced at the last meeting. The Annexation Request by Clifford W Kennamer for property located at 410 Rock Store Road is to be Zoned RS-3. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray      | Yes    | 8. Leigh Dollar   | Yes |

**Set Public Hearing for Casey’s on the Lake**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Casey’s on the Lake LLC DBA Casey’s on the Lake located at 7001 Val-Monte Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976 for a Restaurant Liquor License. Motion to set hearing for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Special Event License for Gunter’s Landing Holdings**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings, LLC for a fundraiser for Marshall County Home Place in Town Hall, 340 Blount Ave, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Marshall County Home Place. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed on 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   | Abstain |

**Public Comments:**

Matt Barksdale spoke to the council asking that the council and citizens look at a website: Guntersville-smart and prepared and a documentary “Grid down, Power up or go to [www.EMPshield.com](http://www.EMPshield.com)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 5:00p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**