

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Guntersville, Alabama  
Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:00 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 March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 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, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. 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 March 3<sup>rd</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 and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

**Police Department:** An interviewing committee selected applicant Greg Spurgeon to fill the open position of Communications Officer. Following Chief Darnell's approval, Mr. Spurgeon accepted our job offer and is scheduled to start as a full-time employee on 3/25/25.

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

**Resolution to Approve Purchase of New Leaf Machine**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1430** to approve purchase of a new leaf machine from Sansom Equipment thru Sourcewell Purchasing Co-Op at a cost of \$141,155.50. This is a budgeted item. Councilman Whitaker asked Charlie Minor if this was a spare one or a replacement. Mr. Minor stated it was replacing a 50 year old machine. 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.

**Resolution to Approve Bid for Equipment for PPV Vehicles**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1431** to approve bids for equipment for PPV Trucks and Tahoes for Police vehicles:

- Police Truck #1: Donohoo Chevrolet was the low bidder with \$11,755.30
- Police Truck #2: Donohoo Chevrolet was the low bidder with \$15,230.45
- 5 Tahoes: Donohoo Chevrolet was the low bidder with \$22,135.95 each for a total of \$110,679.75

These are budgeted items to outfit the police vehicles. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Maintenance and Lighting Agreement with ALDOT**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1432** to approve maintenance and lighting agreement with ALDOT for roadway lighting along the mulit-use recreational trail expansion. All maintenance shall conform to the standards and specifications of ALDOT for area from milepost 297.3 to 297.8. 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 Approve Demo of 1823 Rayburn Ave**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1433** to approve demo of 1823 Rayburn Avenue. Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe stated a brick wall was constructed without a permit or inspections and not to code. The wall has cracks and failure and is causing a blighting influence on the City, and is a threat to health, safety and welfare of citizens. There was a motion to approve demo and to file a lien against the property was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Demo of 5429 Guy Road**

Mayor Dollar introduced a resolution

to approve demo of 5429 Guy Road. Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl who reported the unsafe structure was in disrepair causing blighting influence and threat to health, safety and welfare. The foundation is failing, has rotten boards, electrical splices are not secured in junction boxes and interior ceilings have collapsed. Cole Baker has entered an appeal and his lawyer is unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Baker stated that he did not have a clear title to the property and did not want to invest in tearing down the building and risk getting sued. Mr. Baker is willing to do the demo himself when he has a clear title. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to wait until April and have Mr. Baker's attorney report in regards to the title. Councilman Wilson seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Letter for ALDOT to Widen Cherokee Lane**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to for a letter to be written to ALDOT to approve widening Cherokee Lane for the Broadway Group DBA Dollar General Store. Cherokee Lane will be widened from 18 feet to 30 feet to provide entry into the store. There was a motion to approve the Mayor sending a letter on behalf of the City made by Councilman Russell and was seconded by Councilman Wilson who stated he was against the store being located there, but agreed with the widening of the street, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Voting Machine Ordinance**

Mayor Dollar reported that the Ordinance for Voting Machines needed to be updated to our voting devices as the DS200 and the EXPRESS MARK BMD for the handicapped. This will be carried over, since it is an ordinance, to the next meeting to be voted on.

**Casey’s on the Lake License Suspension**

Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Office Cheryl Smythe to report on Casey’s on the Lake license suspension due to nonpayment of sales taxes. A cashier’s check to pay a returned check on licenses was paid with a promise to file the delinquent taxes in order to renew the license in January, however the taxes have not been filed for October, November, December or January and February tax is due this week therefore Mrs. Smythe asked the council to consider suspending the license until the taxes are paid. A certified letter was sent to April Simmons on February 28 requiring her to come to the Council Meeting tonight. Mrs. Simmons was not at the meeting.

Councilman Russell asked attorney Jim Beard to look into State law to determine that if money is collected and not paid, was it a felony? Mr. Beard said he would.

Councilman Ray asked if a notice could be sent to the owner of the property. Councilman Whitaker asked Mr. Beard if he could see if there was a State law that the owner could be responsible if the renter doesn’t pay taxes and could a lien be put on the property? This is the second business in that location that didn’t pay taxes. Councilman Russell asked if the City revoked a business license, could the City have the legal authority to refuse to issue another business license for that location. Mr. Beard will research.

Note: at 5:34 Councilman Watkins left the meeting sick.

Councilman Russell asked if the City could refuse a license be issued until all taxes are paid? Do we have the legal authority to do that? Mr. Beard said he would check.

Councilman Wilson asked if it would be better to suspend instead of revoke the license until taxes are paid.

Councilman Dink Myers made a motion to suspend the license tonight, but Attorney Jim Beard discouraged that. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Russell asked if the Police could be directed to deliver the packet again notifying Mrs. Simmons to attend the next Council Meeting

Councilman Whitaker made a motion that the Police Department give April Simmons the notice in person tonight since she had not signed the mailed copy and did not attend the meeting and advise her to work with the City Clerk for payment and to put this matter on the next agenda and notify her to attend. Councilman Russell seconded the motion and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Public Hearing for Jay Shivay LLC**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for Jay Shivay LLC DBA Shell Gas Station for an On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License Located at 3809 AL Hwy 69 Guntersville. No one spoke in Opposition or Support. There was a motion to approve was by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman John Myers 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     |

**Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet LLC DBA Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet for a Package Store Liquor License Located at 11973 AL Hwy 431 S Guntersville. This is for a package store. No one spoke in Opposition or Support, Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray 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     |

**Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet LLC DBA Charlie C’s Store for an Off Premise Beer & Wine License Located at 11973 AL Hwy 431 S Guntersville For Beer and wine off premise and convenience store. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray 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     |

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 April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK