

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, March 3rd 2025 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 February 17th 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 February 17th 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:
Recycling: Jamie Bishop, Refuse Manager, selected Cristina Sanchez to fill the open position of Laborer. Ms. Sanchez accepted our job offer. Her first day of employment as a full-time employee was 2/24/25.
Police Department: Chief Ryan Darnell approved Officer Joseph Jarmon to be reinstated as a full-time Police Officer. After four years of full-time service Officer Jarmon stepped down to part-time status. After further consideration Officer Jarmon requested to go back to full-time. This change was effective 2/17/25.
There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Nina and Pinta Agreement
Mayor Dollar called on Steven Sanger, captain of the Nina and Pinta who wished to extend his stay at the Harbor until July 6th and implement other events to add to the educational aspect of his business such as bridal parties, and kid’s activities. Councilman Whitaker asked Mr. Sanger if the Council could consider this until the next meeting and that was agreeable with Mr. Sanger. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table the request to the next meeting. This was seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on a voice vote.

Resolution to Accept Bids for Trucks
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1429** to Accept Bids for purchase of the following trucks:

- Police Department:**
- Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC Inc for Two (2) 2025 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Police Pursuit Vehicles \$50,359.06 x 2 = \$100,718.12
 - Donohoo Chevrolet for Five (5) 2025 2WD Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles \$50,499.50 x = \$252,497.50
- Fire Department:**
- Guntersville Chevrolet for a 2025 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 1500 \$52,573.10
- Building Department**
- Guntersville Chevrolet for a 2025 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 1500 \$47,145.00
- Public Works Department**
- Guntersville Chevrolet for Two (2) 2025 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 1500 \$47,145.00 x = \$94,290.00
- Sanitation/Recycling Department**
- Guntersville Chevrolet for Two (2) 2025 2WD Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD with Bed Delete \$42,118.35 x 2 = \$84,236.70
 - Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC Inc for a 2025 4WD Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD \$50,387.00

All trucks are in the budget for this year. There was a motion to approve all purchases and to invoke the 3% local purchase on one truck was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed on a Voice Vote. Councilman Whitaker explained that he knew the value of \$800.00 but felt that in this instance it should be invoked for the local dealer who has a building here, employees and pays taxes and licenses here in the City.

Reconsideration of Rezoning
Mayor Dollar called on Councilman Russell for reconsideration of Rezoning. Councilman Russell stated after the vote at the last meeting he had concerns and studied the process and felt historical and business license regulations must be met and by that, safeguards are adequately in place for review and it would be consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City. Councilman Russell made a motion to reconsider 301 Blount rezoning with the understanding that the parking requirements be met, historical approval be met and that a license be issued that fit the number of parking spaces required for that business.

Mayor Dollar called on City Attorney Jim Beard who explained that Ordinance No. 1117, subsection 11 allows the reconsideration motion be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side at the same time or at the next succeeding meeting of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed on a voice vote, with Councilman Wilson voting Nay.

Request to Rezone 301 Blount Ave
Councilman Russell made a Motion to approve rezoning 301 Blount Ave from BR to BG1A with the requirement that the parking must be met, the historical approval must be met and any business license requirements must be met. Motion seconded by Councilman. Whitaker. Councilman Wilson asked if the owners had met with the historical commission. Owner Mike Maddox stated that engineer drawings on a parking plan have been made but he was not sure the historical commission had seen them. He stated the commission had unanimously approved moving a pole and that they have worked on handicap parking requirements. Councilman Watkins asked where the parking was located and was told 13 spaces at the side and back. Councilman Dink Myers stated the parking was not the issue. Whatever the business, the number of spaces will be determined and will have to meet the requirements. **Ordinance No. 1159** was passed by the following roll call vote:

1. Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5. Dink Myers	Yes
2. Larry Wilson	No	6. Rich Russell	Yes
3. John Myers	Yes	7. Randy Whitaker	Yes
4. Carson Ray	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for Cash Allens Pub

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a Public Hearing for Allenhouse LLC DBA Cash Allens Pub located at 412 Old Town Street, Guntersville, AL 35976 for a Lounge License. No one spoke in Opposition and Andrew Allen spoke in Support stating his background in was extensive in the restaurant business, graduating from the University of Alabama with a restaurant management degree, and had worked in Chicago for 15 years in this capacity. This will be a multi-floor business with pool tables on the ground floor and the upstairs serving burgers and hot dogs and will close by 12 with no plans to stay open until 2 and plan to be an asset to the community Councilman Russell asked about serving alcohol downstairs to the persons playing pool and asked if Mr. Allen was versed in the alcohol rules. Mr. Allen responded that all persons permitted in must be over 21 and there will be only one point of entry to bar and they will be checking IDs. He is attending the Responsible Vendor Class March 15th. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote:

5. Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5. Dink Myers	Yes
6. Larry Wilson	Yes	6. Rich Russell	Yes
7. John Myers	Yes	7. Randy Whitaker	Abstain
8. Carson Ray	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Set Public Hearing for Jay Shivay

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set 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 for March 17th (change of Ownership) Motion to set public hearing was made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set 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 for March 17th (in old ABC store at top of mt.: one side liquor store, other side beer, wine and other products) Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet LLC DBA Charlie’s Tobacco & Spirits Outlet for a Off Premise Beer & Wine License Located at 11973 AL Hwy 431 S Guntersville for March 17th (in old ABC store) Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman. John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Consider Special Event License for Family Services of North Alabama

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for Family Services of North Alabama for Taco Trot 5k Run to be held at Civitan Park Located at 1130 Sunset Drive, Guntersville on May 10th 2025. This is a yearly fundraiser by this group and is a non-profit free event. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote:

1. Sanchez Watkins	Yes	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 Special Called Meeting

Mayor Dollar entertain a motion to set a special called Council Meeting to consider the revocation of Mike Dendy’s business license for April 28 at 9 a.m. Motion to set meeting was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

League Voting Delegates

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to elect League Delegates to the Alabama League Convention in May as follows: Delegate: Leigh Dollar, 1st Alternative, Randy Whitaker, and 2nd Alternative Donald Myers. Motion to approve delegates was made by Councilman Ray, Seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Comments:

- Susan Henderson of Gunter Ave reported to the council that the Catholic Church had installed a large glow in the dark sign across from her home. She stated that regulations stated it was not to exceed 24 inches inside and no illumination was permitted. Mayor Dollar stated it had just been brought to the City’s attention and that the City was working on it.
- Joy Masha of the Children’s Defense Fund stated she had met with a Guntersville group of parents to promote Dignity, Hope and Joy and help children thrive in Guntersville. Councilman Watkins stated he was meeting with her on Wednesday.

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 March 17th 2025 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 17th DAY OF March 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

**ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**