

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, April 21st 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 April 21st 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 April 7th 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 John Myers, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor selected Gem Thrasher to fill the open position of Laborer. Mr. Thrasher accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 4/14/2025.

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

Resolution to Close Streets for 2025 HydroFest

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1440** to close streets for 2025 HydroFest on Friday June 6th from am until Sunday June 8th midnight from intersection of Sunset Drive and Highway 69 along Sunset Drive to Willow Beach Road at the Water Plant and Patterson Street from O’Brig Avenue to Sunset Drive. 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 Restrict Drone Usage During HydroFest

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1441** to restrict drone usage during 2025 HydroFest from Friday and Saturday June 6th and 7th from 8:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday June 8th from 8:00am – 6:00pm in an area described in the resolution and also in the pit area. 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 Demo of 1417 McCoy Street

Mayor Dollar announced the revisit to approve the demo of 1417 McCoy Street and called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe who has reported that this property is in a state of disrepair causing a blighting influence on the city and constitutes a threat to health, safety and welfare of the citizens. It is the opinion of the Building Official and the Ordinance Officer that the damage is severe and needs to be demolished. The Question last meeting was whether or not an estate had been opened or not and that issued had been further researched and it was determined that one had not been opened. There was a motion to demo by **Resolution No. 1442** made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Point of Grace Church

Mayor Dollar call on Cheryl Smythe and Eric Self to report on Point of Grace Church. Ordinance Enforcement Officer Cheryl Smythe reported that they had been contacted on February 11th that the area between the parking lots had a slope grade of 40 degrees and the standard was 14 degree. City Attorney Jim Beard confirmed that once the Church started work on the slope, it was required to meet City standards.

- Kendra Smith 4240 Lakecrest Drive stated that the Church had worked on the right of way removing trees and filling with dirt and gravel and that the Church was prepared to remove the dirt and gravel.
- Mitch & Cindy Reddington of 280 Cha La Kee road stated they lived in the house at the end of the right of way and stated the heirs needed access. There are numerous lots down there and the heirs need access to it.
- Greg Weaver 2121 Mission Circle stated the church would have to spend \$3000-\$5000 to fix and another \$10,000-\$15,000 to fix the grade.
- Mr. Jack Patterson of Boaz stated he owned lots down the road and requested that he be allowed access to his property and stated that years ago cars drove down the right of way to the White house.
- Councilman Ray stated that there just needed to be a common sense plan to help both sides.

Special Event License for B&B Bartending

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for B&B Bartending LLC for the sale of Special Event Liquor, located at 1500 Sunset Drive from the Guntersville Recreation Center to the Water Treatment Plant, Guntersville AL 35976 for June 7th - 8th 2025. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman John Myers and and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 |

Announcements:

- Special Called Council Meeting April 28th and 9 am for Dendy issue
- Art on the Lake and Spring Fling next weekend
- Concerts in the Park next 5 Thursdays
- WBS Play next two weeks

Public Comments:

Susan McKenney of 420 Oak Place announced that Gov Martin O’Malley will be holding a Town Hall meeting at RSVP Building May 10 and she was concerned about senior citizens walking from County Park 1 to the RSVP building and asked for officers to monitor traffic. Mayor Dollar asked her to fill out a Special Event form.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers, stood adjourned until May 6th 2025 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF MAY 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

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