

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, April 7th 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 April 7th 2025 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. Afterwards in a regular meeting in Town Hall at 12:00 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 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 by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Sanitation: Jamie Bishop, Refuse Manager, selected Damion Rowell to fill the vacant position of Laborer. Mr. Rowell accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 3/17/25. Jamie Bishop, Refuse Manager, selected Ryan Hall to fill the open position of Assistant Refuse Manager. Mr. Hall accepted our offer and assumed the position on 3/31/25.

Museum: An interviewing committee selected applicant Sara Elizabeth Phillips to fill the vacant position of Director of Museum and Cultural Center. Ms. Phillips accepted our job offer, however, her starting date has not been set at this time.

Police: Greg Garner was select to fill the vacant position of School Resource Officer. This is a seasonal position. Mr. Garner accepted our job offer and began employment on 3/31/25.

Transportation: Virginia Harvey was select to fill the vacant position of Driver. This is a part-time position. Ms. Harvey accepted our job offer and began her employment on 4/2/25.

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

Resolution to Surplus Items for Sanitation/Recycling

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No 1435** to surplus items for Sanitation/Recycling Department. Mayor Dollar read the following list:

- INTERNATIONAL MAXFORCE GARBAGE TRUCK HS3 2008 WITH A 20 YARD Heil REAR LOAD BODY
- 42 FEET RECYCLING SORTING CONVEYOR

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

Resolution to Accept Bid for Glass Pulverizer/Screeners

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1436** to accept bid for a Glass Pulverizer/Screeners for Recycling Department. Bids were opened March 27th with Andela Products the low bidder of \$84,979.00. This will be paid for with an ADEM grant.

Sanitation Director Jamie Bishop reported to the Council that this machine would turn glass into sand. In the past the green and blue glass could not be recycled, but now we can use all glass. The sand could be used by the City and the surplus could be sold. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Mayor to Sign Funding Agreement with ALDOT

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No.1437** to approve the Mayor to Sign the Funding Agreement with ALDOT for the ATRIP Project No. ATRP2-48-2025-251 at the High School intersection, with a cost of \$1,953,759 paid by ALDOT with the City responsible only for cost overruns. Three Notch Group Engineer, Matt Hawes, reported to the Council that this project would address Spring Creek, Webb and Wyeth Drive intersections and would increase efficiency and safety of traffic in the High School area. There was a motion to approve the City entering into the agreement made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Engineering Agreement for ATRIP Project No. ATRP2-48-2025-251

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve an Engineering Agreement with Three Notch Group, Inc. for the ATRIP Project No. ATRP2-48-2025-251 at the High School intersections. Mr. Hawes reported that the cost of design was \$144,300 and this would serve as the City's match and that this would also replace the signal equipment and use decorative poles as the City has at other intersections. It is hopeful that this work can be completed at low traffic times. Mayor Dollar reported that this match would be part of the next year's budget. There was a motion to approve the match made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Appoint City Clerk as Election Manager

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1438** to Appoint Betty Jones as Election Manager for the August 2025 Municipal Election since Mayor Dollar is a candidate for re-election. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, 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 introduced Resolution to Approve Demo of 1417 McCoy Street and called on Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe stated that letters had been send to the Jason Morton and Heather Edmonds and cards had been received back by the City. Neither one attended the meeting. There was some discussion on whether or not this was in an estate and City Attorney Jim Beard suggested that this item be tabled until the next council meeting. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Accept Street at Spring Creek Cove Subdivision

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1439** to accept the Street at Spring Creek Cove Subdivision. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Ordinance to Approve Changes to Voting Machines

Mayor Dollar announce this **Ordinance No. 1161** to update changes in the Voting Machines was introduced at the last meeting and this would update the equipment in our ordinance to the DS200 and the Express Mark BMD that will be used in the August

City Election. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers 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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

Approve Change order for AWOS Project

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a Change Order for the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) project with Southeast Site Services due to rock excavation and trenching of an additional \$22,450.00. This will be covered by the Airport Grant with a 5% match from the City. There was a motion to accept the change order made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Demo of 5429 Guy Road

Mayor Dollar announced that the City needed to revisit a Resolution to approve the demo of 5429 Guy Road and the Cole Baker Appeal. Mr. Baker is out of town today, but his attorney James Cameron who was out of town the previous meeting was here to report to the Council. Mr. Cameron reported that the seller had 6 siblings and 2 of the siblings had not been located and his client had not moved forward with the process. Mr. Cameron reported that he will start in the next couple of week to show the Court they cannot be found. He predicted this would take 6-8 months. Mr. Cameron will communicate with City Attorney Beard. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table until our attorney lets us know when to proceed. It was agreed that Mr. Baker was to rope off the property because it was unsafe.

Casey’s on the Lake

Mayor Dollar reported that Casey’s on the Lake taxes have been paid up to date.

Proclamation for Fair Housing Month

Mayor Dollar read a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month for the month of April.

Board Appointment

Mayor Dollar recommended the reappointment of Greg Hundley to the Library Board. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Russell and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Mike Dendy Issue

Mayor Dollar announce that a motion for Immediate Consideration would have to be passed in order to put the next item on the agenda. Mayor Dollar called on Dan Warnes to report to the Council concerning the Dendy hearing. Mr. Warnes stated the on December 16, 2024 the Council had suspended all permits to Mr. Dendy pending the hearing to revoke his business license. This hearing is now set for April 28th. Mr. Warnes stated that Mr. Dendy’s house on Highway 79 needed a HVAC permit and recommended that a onetime permit be issued to Mr. Dendy to install the HVAC since no hearing had been held to date. Motion for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and the following Roll Call vote was recorded by the Clerk:

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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 | Yes |
| 4. Carson Ray | Yes | 8. Leigh Dollar | Yes |

There was a motion to issue the one time permit for the HVAC for the house on Highway 79 was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present with the Mayor abstaining.

Announcements:

- April 25-26 Art on the Lake and Merchants Spring Fling
- Mountain Valley Arts Concerts in the Park start April 17 for the next 6 weeks
- Whole Back Stage “ The Play that went Wrong” starts April 25

Public Comments:

Jason Kirkland, Head of the Electric Board at 701 Blount Avenue asked that Holt alley be changed to pedestrian traffic only due to the utilities in the alley and the lack of space and danger to the residents using it as a cut through from Gunter to Blount and to possible damage to the utilities in that alley, including the Electric Board, the Water Board and Marshall Co. Gas Board. Mr. Kirkland reported that 2 of the 3 owners of the buildings had agreed that this was a good idea. Councilman Whitaker asked about the Dumpster and Recycling Trailer in the alley. Sanitation director Jamie Bishop stated they could both be serviced. They would be moved back to back and they would accessed from Blount. Councilman Wilson asked if Pizza Ed had been contacted and Mr. Kirkland stated he had not been contacted. Mr. Bishop stated that he had talked to that business in the past and they thought it would be less dangerous leaving the business especially at night. Mr. Kirkland stated that the deliveries to Pizza Ed could be backed into the alley from Blount and they could receive the deliveries that way. Mrs. Fant has offered to open her back parking lot. Mr. Kirkland stated the electric pole has just been moved further out in the alley. Mayor Dollar stated this was a request and will be address at another Council Meeting.

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 April 21st 2025 at 5:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF APRIL 2025.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK