

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, May 5th 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 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: Larry Wilson, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins and John Myers were absent. 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 21st Regular Meeting, April 25th Special Called Meeting and April 28th Special Called 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:
Library: Mandy Broadhurst, Director and Leigh Ann Laney, Assistance Director selected Abigail Tarvin to fill the vacant position of part-time Library Assistance. Ms. Tarvin accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin her employment tomorrow, May 6, 2025. 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 Apply for ADECA Overtime Grant
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1443** to apply for ADECA Overtime Grant for the Police Department. Lt. Chris Bishop is overseeing this grant that will reimburse the city for certain overtime at a zero match. 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 the Mayor to Apply for TAP Grant
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1444** to approve the Mayor to apply for a TAP Grant for State Route 227 Pedestrian Improvements Project. This first phase of the project will cost \$1,037,261.50 with the grant paying \$800,000.00 and the City match of \$237,261.50. This will provide safe pedestrian travel from Blount Avenue to Wyeth Drive but this is the first portion of that plan. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Russell. Councilman Whitaker stated that this would impact the pedestrian traffic from the government housing, East Lake residents, and industrial workers who walk to work in that area and is much needed for a safe place to walk. The resolution was passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Lien (Fixing Cost) on Property Located at 1823 Rayburn Avenue
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1445** to approve lien (fixing cost) on property located at 1823 Rayburn Avenue and called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe reported that the lien cost was \$5,339.54 to tear down the unapproved building on the lot and read a description of the property in Plat book 1, pages 16 & 17 at the Court House. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tim Ward Appeal/690 Veterans Way
Mayor called on Tim Ward who wished to appeal the demo of 690 Veterans Way. Mr. Ward reported that the property was in bad shape when he purchased it and he had improved three fourths of it, but work stopped when he had a stroke. The City presented over 100 pictures showing there were broken joists and partial collapses. Mr. Ward feels like the work he has done would pass code but the pictures shown told a different story. Mr. Ward asked the council to give him more time. Councilman Russell asked if it would not be better to tear down and start over and Mr. Ward said no. Councilman Ray stated the professionals deem it totally unsafe and not feasible to repair. Councilman Whitaker asked if he could get an engineer to give an opinion. Mayor Dollar asked the Council if they wished to table until first meeting in June to get a report. Councilman Russell made a motion to table until June to get an engineering report and for Eric to see if the work to date meets code and then action would be taken. Councilman Dink Myers seconded. Councilman Wilson asked with the second story caving in could it be secured? Mr. Ward stated looked abandoned and was somewhat hidden. Mr. Ward was told he must report back by the first June meeting and must communicate with the City. Motion passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Super Stop 69
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Super Stop 69 LLC DBA Super Stop 69 for the sale of Off Premise Beer and Wine, located at 2112 Henry Street, Guntersville, AL for May 19th. This is a change in ownership. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

- Announcements:**
- Ribbon Cutting for the Splash Pad will be held at 1 p.m. today. Free admission until pool opens.
 - Concerts in the Park continue through May
 - Special Event for Cinco de Mayo at the Harbor and Mexican Restaurants in the City
 - Downtown Merchant Ladies Night Shopping Tuesday Night
 - Hydrofest June 7th & 8th

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 19th 2025 at 12:00p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK