

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Guntersville, Alabama  
Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 June 9<sup>th</sup> 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: Larry Wilson, John Myers, Carson Ray, Dink Myers, Rich Russell, and Randy Whitaker. Sanchez Watkins was 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 May 19<sup>th</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 Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Ray and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Personnel Report:** Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan to give the following Personnel Report:

**Police Department:** Chief Darnell and Communications Supervisor, Toni Clark chose applicant Addason King to fill the open position of Communications Officer. Ms. King accepted our job offer and she is scheduled to begin her June 10, 2025 as a full-time employee.

**Parks & Recreation Department:** In order to staff our pool this swim season, approximately 14 new lifeguards were hired and we had approximately 17 return from last year, for a total of 31. The City pool opened May 24, 2025 and will remain open until mid to the end of August. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Whitaker, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Lean on Property Located at 1417 McCoy Street**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1446** to approve lien (fixing of cost) on property located at 1417 McCoy Street and called on Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe read a legal description of the property recorded in Plat Book 2, page 79 and stated that the demolition, admin and legal costs were \$7,143.24. No one interested in the property attended the meeting. There was a motion to affix cost made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Resolution to Approve Demo of 5500 Alabama Highway 205**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1447** to approve demolition of 5500 Alabama Highway 205 (also known as 690 Veterans Way) and called on Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe read the resolution containing a list of 17 violations stating the building was is disrepair and a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and an impediment to economic development within the municipality and a public nuisance. Mr. Ward stated it was not that bad and he was unable to fix since he had a stroke 2 years ago. Councilman Dink Myers stated that the damage was done long before 2 years ago and this was not a debate situation as he has observed the building for years.

The Council had instructed Mr. Ward 5 weeks ago to consult a structural engineer to inspect the property and report to the Building Official, but that had not been done. Mr. Ward agreed saying that the engineer could not get into the building because of all the debris on the outside of the building. Mr. Ward still maintains it is in good shape. Councilman Dink Myers stated the City had an obligation to demo a dangerous house and had tried to work with Mr. Ward but he had not complied. When asked when the engineer could come, Mr. Byers stated by the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Councilman Whitaker stated this is very serious; the City can't leave the building unsafe and it is for protection of Mr. Ward also.

Mayor Dollar asked Mark Byers what the name of the engineer was and he stated it was Buck from Jade Engineering and also stated that the engineer was not able to inspect the building for the things piled up on the outside of the building.

Councilman Russell asked Mr. Ward if he had homeowners insurance and Mr. Ward said he did not.

Councilman Russell made a motion to approve the demo with the execution to be abated until the second meeting in July, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed on a voice vote with Councilman Whitaker abstaining. Mr. Ward was instructed to contact Eric Self or Cheryl Smythe any time he planned to go on the property and Mrs. Smythe stated that the Fire Department also must be on site because it is so dangerous for anyone to be in a building that is ready to collapse. Also the paperwork from the engineer must be submitted to Eric Self before the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Approve Alabama Uniform Certification Program Agreement for Airport**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve the Alabama Uniform Certification Program Agreement for Airport. This is part of the grant process and asked for Council approval. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Airport Change Order – Airfield Pavement Markings**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve an Airport Change Order – Airfield Pavement Markings Mayor Dollar stated this is a change order reduction of \$12,273.00. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Rotary Cabin Change Order**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a change order for the work at the Rotary Cabin in the amount of \$49,950.00. Emmett Smith reported to the Council that unsuitable soil had been found and an independent lab had confirmed the finding and 1110 cubic yards had been removed and had to be replaced. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Rezone Request by Claysville Development Properties, LLC**

Mayor Dollar introduced **Ordinance No. 1161** carried over from last Council Meeting annexation of property on a request by Claysville Development Properties, LLC to Annex Property Located at 0 US Highway 431 N (PIN: 8377) to be Zoned as BG-1A. Mayor Dollar read a portion of the description: Beginning at an 1/2in rebar found at the NW corner of Section 25, Township 7 So, Range 3 East of the Huntsville-Meridian Marshall Co with remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. This comes with approval of the Planning Commission. No one spoke in Opposition or Support. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Absent	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

**Announcements:**

- Hydrofest went great except for the weather
- Qualifying starts tomorrow through June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Legislative Report Breakfast will be held Thursday at the Rec Center Gym at 8:30.

Councilman Ray and Mayor Dollar commented on the calls about the new Dollar General being built and reported all requirements have been met and straw mats are being installed.

**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 Whitaker, stood adjourned until June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK**