

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Friday, September 15th 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Guntersville, Alabama met in a pre-meeting in the Conference Room at City Hall in said city on September 15th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. In a regular meeting at the Guntersville Town Hall at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Leigh Dollar presided as Chairman of the meeting. 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 was present and acted as 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.

Minutes

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the September 5th Regular Meeting have been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions the same on motion duly made and second stood approved.

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

Police Department: Deputy Chief Ryan Darnell has selected Mr. William McDaniel to fill the open position of Police Officer. Mr. McDaniel accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin his employment as a full-time employee on 9/18/23.

Per the recommendation of Chief Peterson and Deputy Chief Darnell, Officer Steven Dasaro shall be promoted to the rank of Sergeant effective 9/18/23. This is the result of a re-assignment of duties of another Sergeant. No additional hires will result out of this re-assignment. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Surplus Station #3 Living Quarters

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1341** to surplus Fire Station #3 Living Quarters. This does not include the building with the fire equipment and does not affect the fire operations. This will remain an unmanned fire station. Motion to approve surplus was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2024 Fiscal Year Airport Funding

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1342** to approve the application 2024 Fiscal Year Funding for the Guntersville Municipal Airport. This is done annually for funding giving the Mayor authority to sign the grant application and pledge the match. The plan is to apply for the seal coat and markings for the taxiway and apron. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Ray and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Engagement and Official Intent

Mayor Dollar introduce **Resolution No. 1342** for Engagement and Official Intent Resolution Reimbursement. This will allow the City to be reimbursed for any funds paid on certain projects paid prior to a general obligation warrants being issued. If General Obligation Warrants are sought it could fund L.B. Wallace Pavilion, splash pad, recycling center, and other improvements for approx. \$20 million. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Retain Greg Burgess for Special Counsel

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1343** to retain Greg Burgess of Lanier Ford as Special Counsel concerning the Chorba dispute. Mayor Dollar explained that Council approval was needed if outside counsel was hired that could cost over \$5,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman John Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Redistricting

Mayor Dollar introduced an ordinance to concerning the redistricting of the City's Voting Districts for the 2025 Municipal Election. This will carry over until the next meeting for approval.

Annexation Request by the City of Guntersville

Mayor Dollar introduced an annexation request by the City of Guntersville, a Municipal Corporation, for property located at 12146 US Hwy 431, Guntersville AL 35976 (PIN: 24493, 24319, 24318, 23417). This is the Shumate property the City recently purchased and Mayor Dollar stated that it would come into the city zoned as BG1-A. Motion to suspend the rules and consider it for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Ray and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously 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 |

Mayor Dollar read a portion of the description with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. Motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 1141** was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman John Myers and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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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 |

Annexation Request by Steve & Holly Carver

Mayor Dollar introduced an annexation request by Steve and Holly Carver for property located at 659 Buck Island Drive, Guntersville AL 35976. This item will carry over until the next Council Meeting.

Annexation Request by Shane Vandergriff

Mayor Dollar introduced an Annexation Request by Shane Vandergriff for property located at 761 Buck Island Drive, Guntersville AL 35976. The council will carry over until the next council meeting.

Rezone Request by Dennis Norton

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a rezone request by Dennis S. Norton of Managing Property Liaison Services INC for Property Located at 1317 O’Brig Avenue from BG1A to RS3. This property is listed on the City maps as BG1A and the banks will not loan money on a residence unless it is zoned residential. Motion to set public hearing for October 16th was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for Circle K

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Circle K Stores Inc DBA Circle K Store 2709327 for Off Premise Beer and Wine License located at 20146 Hwy 431, Guntersville AL 35976 to be held October 2nd. This is the Mapco location that is going through a change of ownership. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Whitaker and seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed unanimously by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Downtown Merchants Fallfest will be held October 13th & 14th
- Homecoming Parade will be held today at 2 p.m.
- The Council will leave after the meeting for a field trip to see problem trash areas.
- MVAC has started the Fall Concert Series at Allen Park
- Councilman Wilson announced TVA is holding Media Day September 21st
- Councilman Whitaker announced that he had received numerous calls about speeders and requests for speed humps.

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 October 2nd 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 2nd DAY OF October, 2023.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK