

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, July 28th 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 June 6th 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 July 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 Dink Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker 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: Applicant Landon Johnson was selected to fill the vacant position of Police Officer. Mr. Johnson accepted our job offer and began his full-time employment 7/21/25. He will be attending the next available APOST academy.
Street/Maintenance: Applicant Thomas Chaudoin was selected to fill the vacant position of Skilled Laborer. Mr. Chaudoin accepted our offer and began his full-time employment on 7/21/25.
Fire Department: Recently promotional testing was conducted to fill the vacant position of Engineer. Firefighter Robert Patterson had the highest score and it is recommended by Chief Walls that Firefighter Patterson be promoted to the position of Engineer effective today, 7/28/25.
There was a motion to approve made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Afterwards Firefighter Patterson was pinned by his wife with the Engineer pin.

Resolution to Appoint Poll Workers
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1454** to appoint Poll Workers for the 2025 Municipal Election and read the following list:

- CHIEF INSPECTOR** – Linda Harber
- BALLOT CLERK** – Eddie Jones
- POLL BOOK WORKER**
- Melissa ReevesAmanda Pearce
- Gary GrayBarbara Gunter
- Greg Hundley
- BALLOT CLERK**
- Carson ClarkAnnie Fennell
- Sandra MoodyJanice Spradlin
- Tina Whitmore
- PROVISIONAL CLERK** – Zach Lee
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS** – Mary Ruth McCord & Debbie Newman

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.

Resolution to Increase Poll Worker Pay
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1455** to Increase Poll Worker Pay for the 2025 Municipal Election from \$9.00 per hr to \$150.00 per worker and \$200.00 for Inspector. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Dink Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approval for Police Department to Apply for ADECA Grant
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval for the Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne ADECA Grant. Chief Darnell reported he was applying 55 for equipment vests. There is no match to the grant if awarded. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman John Myers, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Charter Franchise Agreement
Mayor Dollar introduced a new Charter Franchise Agreement and stated the council had discussed changes in the terms. Councilman Dink Myers asked the public to let the Council know if they lived in the City limits and did not have access to Charter service. Councilman Whitaker made a motion to table until the issues could be worked out and Councilman Dink Myers seconded and it was tabled by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tourism Funding Request
Mayor Dollar entertain a motion for a tourism funding request from Whole Backstage to replace 3 HVAC units covering the bathroom area, the reception area and the room where historic items were housed at a cost of \$23,975.00. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Ray, seconded by Councilman Whitaker and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Tim Ward Property Issue
Mayor Dollar announced the next item was the Final Determination on Tim Ward Property. City Attorney Jim Beard stated that Emily Scheckle Jolly presented the engineering report and asked that the City review it pending a plan and also asked that Mr. Ward be allowed to remove personal property from the site. Eric Self stated he would review immediately and be able to report to the Council next council meeting. Councilman Russell made a motion that the Council hold decision in abeyance on advice of Counsel and a review by Eric Self until the next council meeting. Councilman Dink Myers seconded and it passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Proclamation Honoring Guntersville Boys Soccer Team

Mayor Dollar read the Guntersville Boys Soccer Team Proclamation and Coach Zack Ross introduced each one of the State Championship team.

Announcements:

- State of the City will be held August 13th at 8:00 am with location TBA
- Last day to register to vote: August 11th
- Testing of voting machines 9:00 am August 21st
- Absentee ballots are available at City Hall
- School Starts next week.

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 August 18th 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

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