

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, November 17th 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 November 3rd 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, Richard Manley, John Myers, Jason Jones, Joe Cagle, Rudy Cornelius and Pete Sparks. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman John Myers. 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 November 3rd 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 Watkins, seconded by Councilman Cornelius and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Police Department: Promotional testing was recently held within the Police Department to fill the vacant position of Sergeant. The successful candidate is Officer Austin Abercrombie. This promotion shall be effective on 11/24/25. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Chief Ryan Darnell came to the podium and spoke. He stated Officer Abercrombie had worked his way up from booking officer to patrol and had started a successful chaplain program, Officer Abercrombie was then pinned by his wife.

2024 Audit Report from MDA

Mayor Dollar called on Jennifer Forrester of MDA to present the 2024 audit. Mrs. Forrester reported that assets had increase by \$27,000,000.00 with \$17,000,000.00 being warrant obligations projects such as the Recreation improvements, Veterans Park and the Senior Center. Revenues increased \$1,100,000.00 with a net overall increase of \$11,000,000.00. Expenditures also increased \$19,000,000.00 due to capital outlay to purchases and land acquisition. There was a motion to approve the audit report made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Casey's on the Lake

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for a Lounge Liquor License for Casey's and JD's on the Lake LLC DBA Casey's on the Lake Restaurant Located at 2140 Gunter Avenue, Suite A, Guntersville. No one spoke in opposition or support. Councilman Watkins asked if all taxes from Casey's old location had been paid and Mr. Simmons stated that they were and that he had hired Harmon and Brad Givens to run the operation. He stated that April Simmons will not run the day to day operation and all taxes will be paid on time. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by the following roll call vote:

1. Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5. Joe Cagle	Yes
2. Richard Manley	Yes	6. Rudy Cornelius	Yes
3. John Myers	Yes	7. Pete Sparks	Yes
4. Jason Jones	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for JD's on the Lake

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would serve as a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Casey's and JD's on the Lake LLC DBA JD's on the Lake Restaurant Located at 2140 Gunter Avenue. No one spoke in Opposition or Support. Councilman Manley asked if this would be run by the same management as the lounge and Mr. Simmons said it would and they planned to open this month. Motion to approve license was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by the following roll call vote:

1. Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5. Joe Cagle	Yes
2. Richard Manley	Yes	6. Rudy Cornelius	Yes
3. John Myers	Yes	7. Pete Sparks	Yes
4. Jason Jones	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Announcements:

- City Departments will observe Thanksgiving on November 27th & 28th
- Tree lighting at Harbor November 20th
- The Museum's Festival of Trees November 20th
- Chamber After Hours November 20th
- Council Field Trip November 24th

Public Comments:

Tim Ward of 690 Veterans Way stated 2 years ago he had a stroke that stopped work on his property and stated he would like to have the work done after his health problems are solved. He asked that the building on his property not be torn down.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion made by Councilman Manley and seconded by Councilman Cornelius, stood adjourned until December 1st 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK