

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, December 1st 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 December 1st 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 17th 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 Cornelius, seconded by Councilman 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:

Parks & Recreation Department: Matthew Bryant, Parks and Recreation Director, selected Spencer Mashburn to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Mashburn has been a full-time employee with the City since 2019. He accepted the offer and assumed his new position on 11/24/25.

Library: Leigh Ann Laney, Library Director, selected Isabella Davis to fill the part-time position of Library Page. Ms. Davis accepted the job offer and began her employment as a part-time employee on 11/25/25.

There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approval of Old FBO Lease

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for Approval of a portion of the Old FBO lease to Frank and Sarah McCutcheon for a flight school and sea plane tour office. The rent is \$250.00 per month and is a month to month lease. Councilman Manley asked if this was in addition to the hangar rent and the airport manager stated that the hangar rent was a separate lease and they would maintain both. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approval of Property Purchase

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for an approval of a property purchase. Mayor Dollar reported this was a unique opportunity to purchase a small piece of property beside Fire Station No. 2 for potential future expansion. The property has a small building on it and could be used currently by the Fire Department for storage, gym, etc. The cost of the 100 x 140 piece was \$148,500.00 (the most current property tax appraisal was \$199,300). There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2025/2026 Budget

Mayor Dollar stated the draft budget had been sent to the Council. It includes a 4% employee raise, an increase in family coverage to 78/22 split, a new fire truck, 7 police vehicles, a brush truck, a garbage truck and other equipment. Councilman Manley made a motion to table the budget for further study by the Council and this was seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Katy Norton with Marshall County Tourism and Sports

Mayor Dollar called on Katy Norton with Marshall County Tourism and Sports to give her yearly report to the council and stated that the council would vote on the nightly surcharge agreement at the next council meeting. Mrs. Norton reported that lodging tax was up 9.4 % over last year, went over several events during the year and reported that Hydrofest would be replaced with an event in 2027 to be announced later. Mrs. Norton's report revealed that Guntersville represents 62% of local income into the county funding.

Announcements:

Downtown Tree Lighting December 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Merchants "Night Before Christmas" December 6th

Lady Civitans Tour of Homes December 7th

Christmas Parade will be December 13th

Public Comments:

Tim Ward of 690 Veterans Way 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 Cornelius and seconded by Councilman Myers, stood adjourned until December 15th 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK