

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the  
City of Guntersville, Alabama  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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 January 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 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, 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 January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 meeting had 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 presented the Personnel Report:

**Airport:** Mr. Thomas Breeden was selected by Airport Manager, Gary McIlquham, to fill the vacant position of Airport Lineman. Mr. Breeden accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on January 13, 2026.

**Street/Maintenance:** Mr. Shawn Standridge was selected by Charlie Minor, Street/Maintenance Supervisor, to fill the position of Equipment Operator II. Mr. Standridge accepted our job offer and began his employment as a full-time employee on January 13, 2026. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Cornelius, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Approve Terminal Building Grant Application**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve the Terminal Building Grant Application that had to be submitted last Thursday. This is a 95/5 grant that, if awarded, will bring federal funding to build a new much needed terminal building. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

**Rezone Request by Two Capital Partners**

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting will be a public hearing for a Rezone Request by Two Capital Partners (Take 5) to Rezone Property Located at 11190 US Hwy 431 from BG1 to BG2 to install an oil change store in the corner of Lowe's parking lot. This has been approved by the Planning Commission. No one spoke in Opposition. John Howard spoke in Support. C Watkins asked exactly where it would be located and was told in the corner next to Aldi. Councilman Manley asked for confirmation that no cars would be left there overnight and that was confirmed by Mr. Howard. Motion to approve by **Ordinance No. 1166** was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 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 |

**Request to Annex Property Located at 69 Cedar Cir**

Mayor Dollar introduced an Ordinance for Immediate Consideration of an Annexation Request by Glen Melvin to Annex Property Located at 69 Cedar Circle (PIN: 8646). This request for immediate consideration was due to hooking onto the City sewer and getting his child enrolled in Guntersville School. Motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 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 |

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to annex by **Ordinance No. 1167** and read a portion of the description of the deed with the remainder to be incorporated as if set out in full. Motion to approve annexation was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman and passed by the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 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 |

**Special Event License for Chamber Banquet**

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to consider a Special Event License for Gunters Landing Holdings LLC for the Lake Guntersville Chamber Banquet at City Harbor Event Center Located at 2465 Paddle Wheel Dr, Guntersville, AL on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cagle, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote:

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|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 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 |

**Rebuild Alabama Tax Report**

Mayor Dollar called on Eric Self, Building Official to give the yearly report for Rebuild AL Tax. Mr. Self gave the following report: As Building Official for the City of Guntersville, I wish to report to the Council that the City received \$86,856.76 in Rebuild Alabama Funds for the fiscal year ending 9-30-2025 and that this money is held in a separate fund and separate bank account and will be added to funds from prior years to be spent on future projects.

**Apple Foundation Event**

Mayor Dollar called on City Clerk Betty Jones to present the following notice and read to the Council:  
Per the guidelines for non-profit event ABC license, the Apple Foundation will be sponsoring the Evening for Education on February 27, 2026 from 6-11 P.M. at RSVP Center located at 196277 U S Hwy 431, Guntersville. This letter will serve as notification to the governing body of the City of Guntersville the intent to apply for a special events license as required. Please accept this letter as notification. No action from the Council is required.

**Announcements:**

- Be Weather aware
- Councilman Manley presented a letter commending the Horticulture, Sanitation and Public Works for the work they do.
- LCCO had a fabulous Martin Luther King celebration yesterday
- Councilman Sparks reported that all the Ross Graden donations are on display at the Depot and the Gilbreath House.
- Councilman Watkins asked if all liquor licenses were up to date with their sales tax and the City Clerk reported that they were.

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 Watkins, stood adjourned until February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**

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

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**LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR**

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