

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, December 15, 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 December 15th 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, 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 December 1st 2025 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 Myers, seconded by Councilman Manley, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report

Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan, who presented the Personnel Report:

Sanitation: Jamie Bishop, Refuse Manager, selected Tylor Riddle and George Easto to fill the vacant positions of Laborer. Both applicants accepted the job offer and they started as full-time employees on November 24, 2025.

Parks & Recreation Department: Matthew Bryant, Parks and Recreation Director, selected Patrick St. John and Ryan Atchley to fill the vacant positions of Park & Recreation Maintenance Worker. Both applicant accepted the job offer and they started today, December 15, 2025, as full-time employees. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Jones, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

2025/2026 Budget

Mayor Dollar introduced the 2025/2026 Budget that had been presented at the previous meeting and once again reported to the Council that the budget includes a 4% raise for full-time employees, an increase to a 78/22 split on family insurance, and various equipment purchases for each department, resulting in an approximately \$42 million General Fund Budget. Councilman Manley thanked the Mayor for allowing time to review the budget and stated that he was glad the City was providing raises to its employees. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Sparks, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Fire Truck

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1473** to Approve the Purchase of New Pierce Fire Truck for the Fire Department thru HGAC Purchasing Cooperative with a cost \$1,525,569.00. This is a budgeted item. Mayor Dollar called on Fire Chief Brian Walls who reported to the Council that this replaces a 1996 Truck and this is a 25 foot ladder truck that would give us ISO points. There is a 36 month lead time that is out of our control but the truck the City receives will be that current year model. Chief Walls reported that this is the first time we will have three matching trucks in our fleet and he thanked the Council. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Cagle and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Financing for Fire Truck Purchase

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1474** to Approve Financing for New Pierce Fire Truck thru PNC Financing \$1,525,569 with yearly payments and an interest rate of 4.58%. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Cagle and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Weed/Grass Abatement for 1907 Rayburn Ave

Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe who asked the Council to approve Weed/Grass Abatement Lien for Charles Scott Akridge located at 1907 Rayburn Avenue no one from this address was present at the meeting. No action was taken by Mr. Akridge and no objections were filed with the City Clerk therefore the lot was cleaned up by 4 workers for 5 hours resulting in a \$450 assessment. This lien will be filled and the cost will be added to the next regular tax bill. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Marshall County Tourism and Sports Contract

Mayor Dollar introduced approval of the Marshall County Tourism and Sports Contract and reported that Katy Norton had given her report to the council at the last meeting. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for Pier 1939

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Pier 1939 Purveyor LLC DBA Pier 1939 Purveyor Located at 7001 Val Monte Dr, Guntersville AL 3597 and the hearing is set for Jan 5th. Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set Public Hearing for a Rezone Request

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to Set a Public Hearing on Jan 20, 2026 for a Rezone Request by Two Capital Partners (Take 5) to Rezone Property Located at 11190 US Hwy 431 from BG1 to BG2 (Oil Change Outlet at Lowes) Motion to set hearing was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Board reappointments:

Electric Board: Shane Vandergriff

Water Board: Michael Higdon.

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

Announcements:

City will be closed Dec, 24 & 25 and Jan 1

Festival of trees is still going on at the Museum

Garbage will run the same schedule as Thanksgiving

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 January 5th 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK