

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, January 5, 2026 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 January 5th 2026 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: Richard Manley, John Myers, Jason Jones, Joe Cagle, Rudy Cornelius, and Pete Sparks. Sanchez Watkins was absent. 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 15th 2025 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: Alexander Stinson was selected by Gary McIlquham, Airport Manager, to fill the open position of Airport Attendant. This is a part-time position. Mr. Stinson accepted our job offer and began his employment on 12/30/25.

Library: Linhardt (Lin) Jolly was selected by Leigh Ann Laney, Library Director, to fill the open position of Library Assistant. This is a part-time position. Ms. Jolly accepted our job offer and is scheduled to begin her employment tomorrow, 1/6/26. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Jones, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of a new Brush Truck

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1475** to approve purchase of a 2026 Truckworx Brush Truck from Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative for the Public Works Department. The state bid price is \$268,218.28 and this is a budgeted item. Councilman Manley asked Public Works Director Charlie Minor if this was a replacement and he confirmed it replaced a 2012 model. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of new Cab Tractor and Flex Wing Rotary Cutter

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1476** to approve purchase of new Cab Tractor and Flex Wing Rotary Cutter/Bush Hog from the State Bid List for the Public Works Department: Flex wind Rotary Cutter \$24,423.75 and a John Deere 6M125 Cab Tractor \$132,474.21. Both will be purchased from TriGreen Equipment in Albertville for the state bid price and are approved in the budget. Councilman Myers asked Mr. Minor if these were replacements and he confirmed that they were. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Change Order for T-Hangar Project

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a change order for T-Hangar Project at the Municipal Airport for underground conduit for electrical service \$7,250.00. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Fire Department Contract for Grant Consulting / Writing Services

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve the Fire Department contracting for grant consulting / writing services for a \$454,000.00 grant with a 5% match. The Grant Writer requires a \$500.00 submittal fee. Chief Walls reported that this writer was recommended by other departments and reported that this would replace 38 airpacs that are now in their last cycle of use. The airpac has a life span of 15 years. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Donation of Ross Graden Items

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve a donation of historic items from Ross Graden. Ross Graden has sold to Christ Redeemer Church and the Ross family is cleaning out items. Councilman Sparks read from a list of historic items they wish to donate including wagons, a sign, a set of railroad lights, a set of train horns, a phonograph, a radio, etc. and said that these items were very historical and valuable and said the sign was made for Guntersville Gin Company. Mayor Dollar called on Randy Norman and Bobby Huellemeier who are volunteers at the Guntersville Depot to report. Their wish is to restore an early 1900 dray wagon and secure it at the Depot. Councilman Manley asked how big the wagon was and was told it was 20 ft. long and 7 feet wide. They stated they could put it together and did not think it would take longer than 2 weeks. They asked for a City facility to be able to remove the bolts and add the wheels and put a finish on the wood. Councilman Sparks made a motion to accept the items, seconded by Councilman Cagle and then Councilman Sparks realized that he would have to abstain from the vote because he is president of the Historical Society and withdrew his vote and Councilman Cagle withdrew his second. Councilman Cagle made a motion that the items be accepted, seconded by Councilman Cornelius and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Councilman Sparks abstaining.

Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Pier 1939 Purveyor LLC

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Pier 1939 Purveyor LLC DBA Pier 1939 Purveyor Located at 7001 Val Monte Drive. No one spoke in opposition or support. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 1. Sanchez Watkins | Absent | 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 |

Reschedule January 19th Meeting

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to reschedule January 19th Meeting to January 20th due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Manley Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion made by Councilman Sparks and seconded by Councilman Myers, stood adjourned until January 20th 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK