

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, March 9th 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 March 9th 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters to come before the Council. At 4:36 p.m., the Council went into Executive Session that lasted until 4:48 p.m., during which time no action was taken. 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 Richard Manley. 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 March 2nd 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 Jones, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar announced there was no Personnel Report

Resolution to Approve Outside Legal Counsel

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1482** to approve outside legal counsel. Mayor Dollar announced that this attorney will assist our attorney and may or may not be needed, but in case he, it is necessary for the Council to approve if one is used. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve to Apply for KAB Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant for Recycling

Mayor Dollar asked the Council for approval to apply for a KAB Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant for Recycling Department. Jamie Bishop reported to the Council that this was a no match grant for \$5,000.00 and the money would be used for revitalization of the smoking receptacles. Councilman Cornelius asked how many we had and Mr. Bishop stated the City has about 30 and he hope this would take care of all of them. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following Board Appointments:

Tree Commission: Bill Ostermiller

Board of Education: Carson Ray for a 4 year term and Kenneth Vandervoort for a 5 year term.

Mayor Dollar announced that she, Councilman Watkins and Councilman Manley interviewed 15 great applicants. Councilman Manley and Councilman Watkins both commented on the quality of the candidates and what a difficult job it was to choose. There was a motion to approve all the nominees made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Request for a Special Event Liquor License by the Brett Boyer Foundation

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda for the Brett Boyer non-profit ABC license. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Myers 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

Mayor Dollar then entertained a motion to grant a special event liquor license to the Brett Boyer Foundation, Inc. at Driftwood at City Harbor located at 2456 Paddle Wheel Drive in Guntersville on March 19th, 2026. Mayor Dollar explained that this foundation was located out of state; therefore, ABC required the Council's approval of this license. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Cagle 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

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

City Clerk Betty Jones read a letter from Habitat for Humanity informing the Council of their intentions to sponsor a Derby Fundraiser on May 2 at the Marshall County RSVP Center located at 19272 Hwy 431. No vote is necessary, just this letter of notification.

Announcements:

- Chamber Banquet March 12th at City Harbor
- Honor Ceremony for Sandra Van Beber at Veterans Park 10:00 a.m. on March 12th
- KAB litter pick up at the Lodge March 14th
- Wild Irish Run this weekend March 14th

Councilman Jones made the announcement of his resignation in early summer due to accepting a career opportunity that will require him to move out of the district. Councilman Jones thanked family, friends and the Council and the City staff and especially District Four residents for making such an impact in his life. He stated that this experience had taught him Guntersville is in good hands. Mayor Dollar thanked Councilman Jones for his work and looked forward to the next few months with him and wished him the best.

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 Watkins, stood adjourned until April 6th 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF April 2026.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK