

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, April 20th 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 April 20th 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, and Rudy Cornelius. Pete Sparks 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 April 6th 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 Myers, seconded by Councilman Cornelius, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan who gave the following Personnel Report:

Street/Maintenance: A department transfer of employee Ryan Hall was approved by Charlie Minor to fill the open position of Equipment Operator II. Mr. Hall transferred from Sanitation to Street/Maintenance on 3/30/26. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve PPV Police Vehicle Financing

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1486** to approve financing for PPV Police Vehicles with \$600,000.00 loan for 4 years from Peoples Bank at 4.15%. Mayor Dollar reported that the Council had recently approved budgeted bids on the vehicles and equipment and that this loan covered those bids and some smaller items that completely outfitted the seven Tahoes. These are replacement vehicles. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Equipment Purchase for the Recycling Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1487** to approve purchase of AVANT M806 4WD Loader and attachments for the Recycling Department at a cost of \$100,067.76. This will be partially paid by an ADEM Grant in the amount of \$92,718.00, leaving the City match of \$7,349.76 to be paid out of the Recycling budget. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Gabriel P. Escobar D/B/A/ Tacos & Tortas

Mayor Dollar asked Mr. Escobar of Jesse's Tacos to come before the Council and Cheryl Smythe to report. Mrs. Smythe documented that as of April 13th the electrical problems had been completed by a certified electrician and the Health Department, Fire Marshall and Building Office had all signed off on the business. She also reported that there were 2 other businesses located behind the restaurant. Taxes are current as of the 30th of March. Councilman Manley asked Mr. Escobar if he intended to reapply for his license and the indicated that he would. Councilman Myers asked if he understood that he must stay current with his taxes and must attain and maintain all appropriate licenses and current health permits. Mayor Dollar asked what other businesses are on the property and Mr. Escobar reported that he would get a business license for a store. When the council asked about Mrs. Smythe about the automotive area she had seen, she reported there was all sorts of equipment and he was working on trailers and autos. When asked about a mechanic shop, he reported that he only did work for himself as a hobby and not the public. Mayor Dollar again stated that all businesses are required to have a business license and if all were not licensed, it would result in non-compliance. Councilman Manley noted that Mr. Escobar must follow the rules to conform to applying for the proper licenses and that Mrs. Smythe will make frequent visits to see that he is in compliance.

Mrs. Smythe asked for permission for her to present to the City Judge the amounts eligible for fines for the times he was operating without a license. Mr. Escobar was instructed to apply for the licenses that apply to his businesses and to appear in Court as scheduled.

Public Hearing for N-Style Consignment

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for an On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License for N-Style Consignment LLC DBA Lock and Key located at 414 Old Town Street, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition or support. There was a motion to approve 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	Absent
4. Jason Jones	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for Whiskey Gemini Tavern

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Whiskey Gemini Tavern LLC DBA Gemini Tavern (The Gem) & Restaurant, 14365 Highway 431, Guntersville AL. No one spoke in opposition. Owner Kelly Snider told the council she was bringing southern cooking and was glad to be a part of Guntersville opening May 1 There was a motion to approve 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	Absent
4. Jason Jones	Yes	8. Leigh Dollar	Yes

Board Appointments

Mayor Dollar recommended the following board appointments: Electric Board: Brian Harrell and Museum Board: Emily Mayer and Nancy Edwards. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers with Councilman Manley abstaining due to business relationship with Mr. Harrell.

Announcements:

- JST Announcement of investing \$5,000,000.00 in Industrial Park providing 80 new jobs, with environmental stewardship.
- Concerts in the Park continue the next 5 weeks
- Guntersville Museum won a State Award for the best Museum in the State
- Guntersville Farmers Market now open
- Council Field trip to the Port of Guntersville May 4

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 Manley, stood adjourned until May 4th 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF May 2026.

**CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK