

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, April 6th 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 April 6th 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: 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 9th 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 Sparks, seconded by Councilman Myers, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Sanitation: Jamie Bishop, Refuse Manager, selected Marvin Benefield to fill the open position of river, and Justin Morgan to fill the open position of Laborer. Mr. Benefield began his employment on 3/16/26 and Mr. Morgan began on 3/31/26. Both are full-time position. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Truck for Horticulture Department

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1483** to surplus a truck for the Horticulture Department. This is a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 VIN # 1CGNCPEC3EZ293968 with a bad transmission. 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 PPV Vehicle Bids

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1484** to approve the bid for seven (7) Police PPV 2026 Chevrolet Tahoes. The low bidder was Donohoo Chevrolet for \$48,911.00 each for a total of \$342,344.00. 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 Truck Bids for Various Departments

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No 1485** to approve Truck Bids for various Departments as follows:

- Fire Department: Guntersville Chevrolet: (2) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 WD Crew Cab Trail Boss \$48,191.50 each for a total of \$96,383.00
- Recreation Center: Guntersville Chevrolet: 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 WD Crew Cab \$45,998.00 not bid with extra equipment requested by Matt Bryant
- Mayor Dollar: Guntersville Chevrolet: 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe 2 WD \$62,787.00
- Recycling Department: Buster Miles: (2) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 2 WD Double Cab work trucks \$44,850.00 + \$4,600.00 for flatbed addition making the total for the (2) of \$98,000.00
- Horticulture Department: Buster Miles: 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 2 WD Regular Cab \$44,478.00 + \$,5200.00 for flatbed addition for a total of \$49,678.00

Councilman Manley suggested not approving the Recreation Center truck at this time since Matt Bryant was not at the meeting to discuss the extra equipment. Mechanic Jackie Kirkland suggested we bid the truck with the equipment and then the Council could decide. There was a motion to approve all bids, except the vehicle for the Recreation Center, made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Mooreville Industrial Park LLC (Farm Fresh Foods LLC) Airport Hangar Lease

Mayor Dollar introduced the Mooreville Industrial Park LLC (Farm Fresh Foods LLC) Airport Hangar Lease explaining that this is a 45yr/5 year extension lease because of the investment of over \$2 million. Airport Manager Gary McIlquham reported that they were using the hangar to house a \$15 million jet and would purchase a significant amount of fuel. There was a motion to approve made by approve lease was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Cagle and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Nina and Pinta Agreement

Mayor Dollar introduced an agreement with the Nina & Pinta to visit the Harbor mid-June, open Labor Day for 2 weeks, buy a City license, pay \$100.00 per week, and pay for their utilities. They also wish to winter here with the same agreement. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for N-Style Consignment LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set 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. There was a motion to set the hearing for April 20th made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Set a Public Hearing for Whiskey Gemini Tavern LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Whiskey Gemini Tavern LLC DBA Gemini Tavern (The Gem) & Restaurant, 14365 Highway 431, Guntersville AL. There was a motion to set the hearing for April 20th made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Gabriel Perez Escobar Concerning Business License and Past Delinquent Taxes

Mayor Dollar called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe to introduce Gabriel Perz Escobar of Gabriel P. Escobar D/B/A/ Tacos & Tortas. The Council had previously requested him to appear to discuss business license and past delinquent taxes. Mr. Escobar arrived to the meeting late and Mayor Dollar called on him to report to the Council. Elvis Parez accompanied him because Mr. Escobar had had surgery and could not speak. Mr. Parez stated that the restaurant was not open and had not passed inspection on the electrical. Building Official Eric Self reported that the building had not been inspected yet because there had been no permit had been issued and an electrician had to be hired. Mr. Self said that Mr. Escobar had done the wiring himself and that an electrician must inspect each connection to see if it is correct, grounded and approved. Once that was done, then the electrician must apply for a permit and Mr. Self will go inspect. There was a motion made to table issuing Mr. Escobar a new business license pending him passing all inspections and being current on his sales tax made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

One Half Cent Sales Tax Report

Mayor Dollar reported that the City of Guntersville received \$2,114,138.27 and the City had spent the money on Recreation Improvements and paving. She noted that the money was to be spent on Capital Improvement only. School Superintendent Dr. Brad Cooper reported for the Guntersville School Board on their \$2,114,138.27 and stated that 100% of the ½ cent sales tax goes toward the General Obligation Warrants for the new GHS and gave an update on the progress of the Gym Project.

Recognition of the GHS Lady Basketball & Volleyball Teams and the Men’s Indoor Track Team

Mayor Dollar read two Proclamations: one congratulating the Ladies Volleyball and One congratulating the Ladies Basketball State Championships and introduced the young ladies to the audience. Mayor Dollar then introduced and congratulated the Boys Indoor Track State runner up team and noted that several had won individual state honors.

Announcements:

- Mayor Dollar announced that there would be an executive session immediately following the council meeting upstairs and that no action would be taken.
- Councilman Manley announced that District Two Meeting will be held at the Recreation Center tomorrow night,

The Executive Session convened at 1:01 pm with Mayor Dollar recused due to a personal conflict and the session adjourned at 1:12pm.

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

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

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK