

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, May 18th 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 May 18th 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 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 May 4th 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 read the Personnel Report in Renea Rowan's absence.

Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor selected Tyler Ward to fill the vacant position of Laborer within his department. Mr. Ward accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee today, 5/18/26. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Rename Street at the JST Project at Connors Island

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1488** to rename a street at Connors Island to Nishimoto Drive and extend JST Way. Nishimoto Drive is in reference to the owners of JST. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Public Transportation to Request Financial Assistance (Section 5311)

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1489** for Public Transportation to request Financial Assistance (Section 5311) annual resolution that authorizes the Mayor to file and execute application. This is for fiscal year 2027. There was a motion to approve made by Motion for Mayor to act on behalf of the City was made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Public Transportation to Apply for Section 5311 Grant for Local Matching Funds

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1490** for Public Transportation to apply for Section 5311 Grant for local matching funds pledging \$125,997.00 in matching funds. Mayor Dollar reported that the match would come from general fund: \$87,797.00 and \$38,200.00 will be used from the contract funds collected. This is for fiscal year 2027. There was a motion to approve made by Motion to approve the match was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Cagle and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution for Senior Center to Request Financial Assistance (Section 5310)

Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1491** for Senior Center to request Financial Assistance (Section 5310) Annual resolution to authorize the Mayor to file and execute agreement for the Senior Center. This provides \$18,000.00 for the Senior Center with a match of \$3,600.00. Councilman Watkins asked if this was for field trips and Matt Bryant stated it was field trips and activities. This is for fiscal year 2027. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for a Lounge Liquor License for Gemini Tavern and Restaurant LLC

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for a Lounge Liquor License for Gemini Tavern and Restaurant LLC DBA Gemini Tavern (The Gem) and Restaurant, 14365 US Highway 431, Guntersville AL. They were previously approved for a Restaurant Liquor License and have decided that a Lounge License fits better than a Restaurant for their business plan. No one spoke in opposition or support. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 |

Public Hearing for a Special Event License for Levis on the Lake LLC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for a Special Event License for Levis on the Lake LLC located at L. B. Wallace Pavilion at 1050 Lurleen B Wallace Drive, Guntersville AL 35976 on June 20th 2026. There was a motion to approve made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

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| 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 |

Announcements

- Last Spring Concert in the Park by MVA this Thursday
- TVA Board of Directors will meet in Guntersville this week and take public input 9:00 a.m. Thursday at RSVP
- Ty Hester won State Champion in Golf
- Perry Stewart won State Champion in Tennis
- Election Day is tomorrow
- Monday is Memorial Day and program will be at 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Park
- Mayor Dollar congratulated all the Graduates

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 June 1st 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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

LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK