Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, October 5th 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 October 5th 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, Anna Frederick, Joe Cagle, Rudy Cornelius and Pete Sparks. Sanchez Watkins and John Myers were absent. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. 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 September 21st 2026 meeting had been distributed to the members of the Council. There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, a motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Frederick, seconded by Councilman Cornelius, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report
Mayor Dollar called on Renea Rowan for the Personnel Report. Mrs. Rowan reported there were no new hires, but announced the retirements of Jackie Kirkland with 30 years of service and Marsha Tidmore with 20 years of service.

Resolution to Approve of Outside Legal Counsel
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1508** to approve outside legal counsel due to Jim Beard having a conflict in cases occurring in a small town. The resolution authorized the use of Dan Warnes or David Canupp as needed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Sparks, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve County Opioid Funds Committee Funding Recommendations
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1509** to approve the Marshall County Opioid Funds Committee Funding Recommendations. Police Chief Ryan Darnell reported that a countywide committee had been formed to pool the cities' and county money into funding a joint project that would benefit everyone involved. Chief Darnell reported that the City of Guntersville would contribute 15.48% of the budget, with $229,026.74 of the approximately $300,000.00 the City has received so far. The funding will be used for education, prevention and enforcement. Councilman Manley asked whether he and the committee would be involved in future decisions, and Chief Darnell stated that he and the countywide committee would decide future distributions. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Sparks, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Surplus Items for Library and Recreation Departments
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1510** to surplus items for the Library and Recreation Departments. Mayor Dollar read the list of items and explained how the items would be disposed of. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Cagle, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Lady Civitan Month Proclamation
Mayor Dollar called on Pat Jex McKamy, Lori Hunt and Margarite Culpepper to come forward and read a proclamation celebrating the 30-year anniversary of the Lady Civitans Club and declaring October 2026 Lady Civitan Month. President Margarite Culpepper accepted the proclamation and introduced the founder of the Guntersville club, Pat Jex McKamy, and past president Lori Hunt. Mrs. Culpepper shared a list of some of the club's yearly projects and reported that the club, with 51 members, had 16 projects and had generated $50,000.00 in donations. Mayor Dollar thanked the club for its help with City projects and its contributions to the community and assured the members that their work had not gone unnoticed.

Announcements
- MVA Concerts in the Park.
- Uksters are hosting three local concerts, with two at Civitan Park on October 10th and 11th.
- Chamber Shred Day is October 16th.
- The latest litigation against the City regarding City Harbor had been dismissed in the City's favor.
- Homecoming will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday.

Comments
Bobby Franks of 2916 Willow Beach Road stated that Willow Beach was being used as a bypass from Highway 79 to Highway 69 and stated that the speed limit needed to be lowered from 35 mph to 25 mph.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting, on motion made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilwoman Frederick, stood adjourned until October 19th 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK