Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, July 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 July 20th at 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, Joe Cagle, Rudy Cornelius and Pete Sparks. Betty Jones acted as City Clerk for the meeting. Councilman Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dollar welcomed visitors and declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

Council Appointment
Mayor Dollar announced that due to the resignation of Councilman Jason Jones from District 4, it was necessary for the Council to appointment to fill the vacancy. Alabama Law states that the Council is to appoint a replacement within 60 days of the vacancy; no provision is made for an election. Since there was only a 15 vote difference in the two candidates that ran for that district it seemed appropriate to appoint the other candidate, which was Anna Frederick. A motion to appoint Mrs. Frederick was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Cornelius 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.	VACANT		8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Councilwoman Frederick was sworn in and took her place on the Council.

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the July 6th 2026 meeting have 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 Watkins, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar called upon in Renea Rowan to read the Personnel Report:
Street/Maintenance: Charlie Minor selected applicant Noah Hunter to fill the open position of Equipment Operator I. Mr. Hunter accepted our job offer and he began his full-time employment on 7/15/26.
Fire Department: Promotional testing was recently held to fill vacancies of ranking positions within the department. As a result of the testing procedures the following promotions were approved by Chief Walls:

Firefighter Ryan Franco promoted to Engineer
Engineer Timothy Johnson promoted to Lieutenant
Engineer Jake Anderson promoted to Lieutenant
Lieutenant Justin Ramsey promoted to Captain

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Cagle and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present. Fire Chief Brian Walls held a pinning ceremony for those present who were promoted.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Garbage Truck & Dumpsters
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1497** to approve purchase the following garbage truck and dumpsters for Sanitation Department from Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative:

Garbage Truck: Freightliner M2 106 Plus Chassis with Rear Loading Body in the amount of $252,712.20
Twenty (20) 4 yard rear loading containers $965 each/$19,300.00
Twenty (20) 6 yard rear loading containers $1,322 each/$26,440.00
For a total of $298,452.20.

These are budgeted items. Councilman Cornelius asked Refuse Manager Jamie Bishop if these were additional containers or replacements and Mr. Bishop stated these were both. As the City grows, new ones are placed at the businesses. When asked when the truck would be delivered, Mr. Bishop estimated 120 days. Councilman Watkins asked how many trucks are in the fleet, the answer was 8 after one will be surplused. A motion to approve purchase was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for Bella Terra Italian Restaurant
Mayor Dollar announced this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Bella Terra Italian Restaurant LLC DBA Bella Terra Italian Restaurant located at 1906 Gunter Avenue. No one spoke in opposition or support. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Watkins 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.	Anna Frederick	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for Good Day Indoor Golf Club
Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for an On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License Good Day Indoor Golf Club LLC DBA Good Day Indoor Golf Club located at 364 Blount Avenue. No one spoke in opposition or support. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Watkins 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.	Anna Frederick	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Set Public Hearing for Waddell Investments LLC
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for a request by Waddell Investments LLC to Rezone Property Located on Hill Avenue from RS-3 to BG-1 (PIN# 20389). This will be held at the August 17th Council Meeting. A motion to set the hearing was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Sparks and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Board Appointment
Mayor Dollar recommended that Mark Caudell be appointed to the Tree Board. A motion to appoint was made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:
- Back to School was a great event with supplies given to 350 kids and had a good turnout with a lot of local support.
- Councilman Manley announced the quarterly District 2 Roundtable would be held at the Recreation Center July 28th.

Public Comments
- Nattalyn Wiggs of 1721 O'Brig spoke about a Facebook post on Williamson Park.
- Moore of 1900 Williamson St asked Council to rehire him to come back to work.
- Kent Looney of 7484 Old Madison Pike, Huntsville complained about racism.

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 Councilman Cornelius, stood adjourned until August 3rd 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK