Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Monday, August 17th 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 August 17th 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, Anna Frederick, Joe Cagle, and Rudy Cornelius. Pete Sparks was absent. 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.

Mayor Dollar announced that copies of the minutes from the August 3rd 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 Frederick, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Personnel Report: Mayor Dollar called upon in Renea Rowan to read the Personnel Report:
Police Department: Promotional testing was recently held to fill the vacancy of ranking positions. Filling the position of Lieutenant created the vacancy of Sergeant. As a result of the testing procedures the following promotions were approved by Chief Ryan Darnell: Sergeant Jeremy Kirkwood promotes to Lieutenant and Officer William McDaniel promotes to Sergeant. Jeremy Kirkwood's wife pinned his new badge and William McDaniel was pinned by Assistant Chief East. Fire Chief Brian Walls then stated that Jake Anderson was absent from the pinning at the previous Council Meeting and Mr. Anderson was pinned by his wife.

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Garbage Truck
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1504** to approve purchase of the following garbage truck from Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative:

McNeilus 25 yd 3.4 HD Rear loader/Freightliner M2-106 chassis body in the amount of $233,973.00.00

Sanitation Director Jamie Bishop reported to the council that unexpected repairs on an existing truck of $72,954.00 made it necessary to ask for another truck. This purchase would make his budget over by $100,000.00. Mr. Bishop reported that this truck was a 2024 with a full 2026 warranty and worth $300,000.00 and was available in 2 weeks. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Marshall County E911/Guntersville Police Department NDA
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve Marshall County E911/Guntersville Police Department Non Discloser Agreement. Chief Darnell reported this was a standard agreement that the City would agree to keep anything confidential that 911 deemed confidential. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Approve Tourism Funding Request
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to approve Tourism Funding Request from Mountain Valley Arts for $15,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Frederick and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for a Request by Waddell Investments LLC
Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be 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). Mayor Dollar called on Bill Waddell and Nick Waddell to report on the project and the reason for the rezoning request. The Waddells reported to the group that the property was purchased in 2021 and cleaned up in 2025 and 2026. The proposed ingress and egress was on Gunter and not on Hill Avenue venue and has added a covenant that there will be no entrance on Hill Avenue from this property that will go with the sale of the property and cannot be changed. The property is now 50/50 commercial and residential. In order to sell the property for development, it needs to all be zoned commercial.
Speaking in Opposition to the rezoning were:

Kim Brown of 2111 Brown St
Damon Boiles of 704 Hill Avenue
Liz Matthews of 417 Hill Avenue
Weezie Boiles of 704 Hill Avenue
Emily Williams of 724 Hill Avenue
Lyndall Hamlett of 232 Hill Avenue

Concerns were raised about safety issues with the area being residential above the area with a lot of children who ride bikes in the street, increase of traffic, values of homes, and just not wanting commercial or change to the neighborhood.
Patrick Lawler of 3014 Buck Island Rd spoke in favor as a developer stating you have to rezone to develop and create a buffer between commercial and residential.
Shelly Upton of 2224 Brown St asked if it was developed as residential as it is now, would that bring more traffic to Hill Avenue.
Councilwoman Frederick stated that when this was considered at the Planning Commission, the covenant to not enter from Hill was not in place.
Councilman Manley asked if there were concerns other than safety. There was a fear of future commercial changes to the neighborhood.
Bill Waddell stated he had cleaned up a pond, dead trees and wrecked cars and felt he had spent a lot of money to improve the safety of the property.
Mayor Dollar asked for a show of hand of those in opposition and those in support.
Mayor Dollar read a statement from Councilman Sparks favoring the rezoning.

A Motion to rezone with no entrance to Hill Ave with deed restrictions was made by Councilman. Cornelius, seconded by Councilwoman Frederick and passed: 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.	Frederick	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Public Hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Guest Services Management LLC

Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for a Restaurant Liquor License for Guest Services Management LLC DBA Lodge at Guntersville State Park Located at 1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville. No one spoke in opposition or support. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Watkins 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.	Frederick	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Set a Public Hearing for an On and Off Premise Beer and Wine License for GOPU INC

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to set a public hearing for an Off Premise Beer and Wine License for GOPU INC DBA Raceway 915 Located at 11567 US Hwy 431, Guntersville. Motion to set the hearing for 12:00 noon at the first Council Meeting in September was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Reschedule September 7th Meeting to September 8th

Mayor Dollar entertained a motion to move the next Council Meeting to September 8th due to Labor Day. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Manley, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements:

- Home Place Thrift Store is now open on Saturday.

Public Comments:

Roger Faulkner of 208 White Elephant Road asked if the City would consider converting some of the Tennis Courts into Pickleball Courts and use the new property for parking.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK