Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the
City of Guntersville, Alabama
Tuesday, September 8th 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 September 8th 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: Sanchez Watkins, Richard Manley, John Myers, Anna Frederick, Rudy Cornelius and Pete Sparks. Joe Cagle 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 17th 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 Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Myers, 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 Juan Velasquez to fill the open position of Laborer. Mr. Velasquez accepted our job offer and began as a full-time employee on 8/24/26. A motion to approve made by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Sparks, and passed by a voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Public Transportation to Provide 3rd Party Services to Mountain Lakes
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1505** to approve for Public Transportation to provide 3rd Party Services to Mountain Lakes. Transportation Director Lori Kirkland reported that this will be a 2-year contract from October 2026 to October 2028 and the rate will increase to $2.35 per mile and $16.38 per hour. This contract is one that the City has had for years. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Frederick seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Public Transportation to Provide 3rd Party Services to Guntersville Senior Center
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1506** to approve for Public Transportation to provide 3rd Party Services to the Guntersville Senior Center. Lori Kirkland also reported that this would be a 2-year contract and the increases mirrored the increases to Mountain Lakes. The main difference on this agreement is that the City has a contract with the State and the City will only fund 20% of it. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Resolution to Approve Lien (Fixing Cost) on Property Located at 2401 Hackberry Street
Mayor Dollar introduced **Resolution No. 1507** to approve lien/fixing cost on property located at 2401 Hackberry Street and called on Ordinance Officer Cheryl Smythe. Mrs. Smythe reported that she was asking the Council to affix cleanup cost of $375.00. Mrs. Smythe read the description of the property with the pin number 22155 and reported she had sent numerous notices to the owners that were mostly returned. She noted some were posted on the property. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Watkins seconded by Councilman Manley and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

A& D LLC Sales Tax/Business License
Mayor Dollar called on Cheryl Smythe to report to the Council on A & D LLC sales tax and business license. Mrs. Smythe reported she went out to A & D's location on August 13 on a complaint of rats and debris. Before leaving City Hall, she checked and discovered that Mr. Looney had not purchased a 2026 business license and discovered that he was behind paying his sales taxes. Mr. Looney admitted that he was aware that he did not purchase his business license because he did not have the money and that he was behind with his taxes. Mr. Looney presented the Clerk with a copy of a cashier's check for $6,257.71. The City had reported that he was behind in 2024, 2025 and 2026 on returned checks that he had not made good for $6,971.73. Mrs. Smythe asked that Mr. Looney get all the taxes current and asked that he be taken to Court for not purchasing a Business License. After several questions by the council to Mr. Looney, Councilman Manley made a motion to table and to review at the next meeting to give the Clerk time to check with Neumo to see what the balance is after this check. Mr. Looney agreed to pay the balance, purchase a license and finish the cleanup of the property. Councilman Sparks seconded and it passed on a by voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Councilman Watkins abstaining.
Mr. Looney asked if the daily fines for not having a license would occur during the next two weeks, but was told by the Mayor that they will not continue to build, but the amount of the fine would be determined by the Judge.

Approval of Recreation Concession Contract with Karl Cothron
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval of recreation concession yearly contract with Karl Cothron. This would provide concessions for a flat fee and offered a reduced amount when paid a full year by November 1st. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Myers seconded by Councilwoman Frederick and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present with Councilman Watkins and Mayor Dollar Abstaining.

Approval of Recreation Agreement with Sure Shot Basketball Academy LLC
Mayor Dollar entertained a motion for approval of a one year recreations agreement with Sure Shot Basketball Academy LLC for an exchange of services with no money exchanged. Councilman Cornelius asked if the Gym was cleaned by them after use and was told they use the dust mop and they refinish the floors once a year. Councilman Manley asked the value of the refinish and was told it was $3500.00 per court or $7000.00 total. When asked if the City used Sure Shot he was told no, but it helped parents with time if the teams scheduled a practice at Sure Shot and they were not charged. When asked if the public wanted it when Sure Shot wanted it, how was that handled and Matt Bryant stated it would be coordinated. Councilman Myers asked if we do not charge each other, do you think it's fair and Matt answered yes. Councilman Manley asked if Sure Shot used our concessions and the answer was yes. Councilman Myers asked who paid

the officials and Matt stated that each paid their own officials and the city used only one worker to make sure the gym was properly closed after the Sure Shot events. Councilman Watkins said it was a good deal. Councilman Sparks said it was a win-win. Motion to approve the contract was made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present

2025 Audit
Mayor Dollar called on Jennifer Forrester of MDA to report on the 2025 Audit. Mrs. Forrester reported a clean opinion and stated that new GASB requirements on sick leave had been implemented. Mrs. Forrester reported that she recommended the City have written policies to strengthen city security and make sure procedures were followed. Mrs. Forrester stated that the City had a good year with liabilities down $3.2M and receipts up $2.3M. Motion to accept was made by Councilwoman Frederick, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Public Hearing for GOPU INC DBA Raceway 915
Mayor Dollar announced that this portion of the meeting would be a public hearing for an Off Premise Beer and Wine License for GOPU INC DBA Raceway 915 Located at 11567 US Hwy 431, Guntersville. No one spoke in Opposition or Support. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sparks, seconded by Councilman Myers and passed by the following roll call vote:

1.	Sanchez Watkins	Yes	5.	Joe Cagle	Absent
2.	Richard Manley	Yes	6.	Rudy Cornelius	Yes
3.	John Myers	Yes	7.	Pete Sparks	Yes
4.	Frederick	Yes	8.	Leigh Dollar	Yes

Marshall County Tourism and Sports/Katy Norton-Request to Close Parking Lot
Mayor Dollar called on Katy Norton of Marshall County Tourism and Sports who requested to close the City's Harbor Parking Lot November 8-14 for the Bass Elite Fishing Tournament with 135 anglers participating. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Cornelius, seconded by Councilman Manley and passed on a Voice Vote.

Marshall County Tourism and Sports/Katy Norton-Annual Report
Katy Norton gave the annual report on Marshall County Tourism and Sports by presenting her booklet showing 9% growth in tourism in 2025. Mrs. Norton stated she would be announcing a new project soon to take the place of Hydrofest that would benefit the entire county. Motion to accept was made by Councilwoman Frederick, seconded by Councilman Watkins and passed by voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

Announcements
- The Whole Back Stage held a great program to celebrate the old Rock School's 100th birthday
- MVA Concerts in the Park start Sept 24 for 6 weeks

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting on motion made by Councilman Cornelius and seconded by Councilman Sparks, stood adjourned until September 21st 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Guntersville Town Hall

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CITY OF GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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LEIGH DOLLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BETTY JONES, CITY CLERK