

## **CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM**

Council President Garlan Gudger called the Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt presented the invocation.

A roll call by Mr. Wesley Moore reflected the following: Present - Council Member Andy Page, Council Member Johnny Cook, Council Member Clint Hollingsworth, Council President Pro Tem Jenny Folsom, and Council President Garlan Gudger. Absent: None. Also, present were Mayor Woody Jacobs, City Attorney Roy Williams, and City Clerk Wesley Moore.

Council President Garlan Gudger asked the Council to consider the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Council Member Cook made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the minutes. Council Member Folsom seconded the motion to suspend the rules, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council Member Page: Aye. Council Member Cook: Aye. Council President Gudger: Aye. Council President Pro-Tem Folsom: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. Council Member Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as written. Council Member Folsom seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council Member Page: Aye. Council Member Cook: Aye. Council President Gudger: Aye. Council President Pro-Tem Folsom: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Council Member Cook made a motion to add Resolution No. 2017-79 to call a Council Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Noon. Council Member Folsom seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Folsom made a motion to add Resolution No. 2017-80 to appoint Dale Greer as Cullman Economic Development Director replacing Peggy Smith as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Public Safety Committee - Chairman Andy Page asked City Clerk Wes Moore to report on the details of the 2017 1A-3A AHSAA State Track Meet at Cullman High School which was a huge success for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Mr. Moore highlighted the following economic factors: 1) over 5,000 people were in attendance both days, 2) the average attendee spent 3 days in Cullman, 3) the event was under budget by more than 10% due to our outstanding volunteers, 4) over \$8,500 was raised for the basketball and track programs, and 5) the local sales tax collected for Cullman and Cullman County due to the State Track Meet was estimated to exceed \$100,000. Mr. Moore thanked our volunteers: 1) The U.S. Army - Sergeant Christopher Cross and his Future Soldiers; 2) Falkville High School - Coach Karen Wilemon, Gage Ruiz, Carlos Esquivel, Dustin Greenfield, Sidney Free, Addison Kyker, Caitlin Robinson, Tonya Waddell, and Mersadies Harris; 3) Cold Springs High School - Coach Blaise Carie, Abi Burrow, Sadie Terry, Zoe Chafin, Mackenzie Collett, Emma Collett, Ron Collett, Tess Strawbridge, Will Myers, and John Campbell; and 4) Vinemont High School – Kinlee Puckett and Bailey Preiss. Mr. Moore recognized the staff of the Alabama High School Athletic Association: Executive Director Steve Savarese, Associate Executive Director Tony Stallworth, Director of Officials Mark Jones, Director of Communications Ron Ingram, and Assistant Director Marvin Chou. Mr. Moore thanked Billy Barnett and Cullman High School for providing a superior facility to host this wonderful event. Mr. Moore recognized Meet Director Robin Gaines and his Track Officials for delivering an outstanding track meet in spite of horrible weather conditions on Friday. Mr. Moore listed the participating businesses: Chick-Fil-A; Freddie Day Catering; Sno-Biz; Jack's Hamburgers; Encore Rehabilitation; Ashley Furniture; and Xpress Timing. Mr. Moore thanked the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff for hosting our Cullman Area Welcome Center and overseeing the hospitality for the AHSAA, officials, coaches, and staff. Mr. Moore stated that this huge event would not possible without the hard work and determination of our city employees: Clark Hopper, Timmy Lynn, Jared Hyde, Ceth Hopper, Tyler Sellers, Matthew Bailey, Ricky Weissend, Michael Thornton, Greg Powe, Sandra Swearingen, Max Talley, Brian Huss, Becky McAnalley, Frankie Jones, Cim Taylor, Ethan Roberts, Jared Hancock, Taylor Wyatt, Daniel Hunt, Allen Handley, Amber Duke, Michelle Harper, Jeff Adams, Jake Goble, Jake Hooper, Donnie Bryant, Trey Shoemaker, Timmy Denson, Whit McCurley, Mike Woods, Belinda Hyatt, Sarah Lambert, Blakelee Cockrell, Jamie Hyatt, Darren Peebles, Nick Marion, Danny Kane, Kelsey Taylor, Caleb Terry, Wade Miller, Kenny Culpepper, John Anderson, Becky Boyd, David Nassetta, Todd Chiaranda, Scott Sanford, Bryan Medlock, David Whitlock, Jimmy Morrow, Kenny Waldrop, Bill Pagan, Bobby Kelley, Cole Kelley, Kim Puckett, and Ashley Tackett. Chairman Page recognized Mr. Moore for continuing to make this event a huge success each year.
2. Utilities Committee - Chairman Garlan Gudger - No report.
3. Public Works Committee - Chairman Johnny Cook - No report.
4. Tourism Committee - Chairman Clint Hollingsworth stated that several business owners mentioned that this past weekend was great for their business with the State Track Meet and the Strawberry Festival. Chairman Hollingsworth asked Wade Harbison to report on the Strawberry Festival. Mr. Harbison stated that Friday was rained out, but Saturday was booming with visitors.
5. General Government Committee - Chairwoman Jenny Folsom - No report.

**REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Woody Jacobs reported to the City Council that ADEM has cleared on property on Convent Road with no fines. Mayor Jacobs recognized Tom Charney, Chris Freeman, Scott Talley, David Andrews, Brian Rusk, and Trey Powers for their hard work and countless hours over the last two weeks improving this property. Mayor Jacobs recognized the City Council for expediting the heavy equipment purchases from next year’s budget to complete this project ahead of schedule. Council President Gudger thanked the Mayor and all of the City employees for an outstanding job on this time sensitive project.

**COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

**PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Folsom made a motion to approve the request from Lori McGrath of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation for a special event permit to hold a motorcycle ride in honor of David Sandlin on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion to approve the request, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Page made a motion to approve the request from Judy Grissom of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation for a special event permit to hold a Colors of Cancer 5K Run on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting at 7:00 a.m. around Depot Park. Council Member Folsom seconded the motion to approve the request, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the request from Judy Grissom of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation for a special event permit to hold a Swamp John’s and Pink Fire Truck Event on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Festhalle. Council Member Folsom seconded the motion to approve the request, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Folsom made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 79  
TO AWARD THE BID FOR TREE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, bids were opened on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for tree services at 1302 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE,

WHEREAS, the following bids were opened:

Marshall’s Tree Service	Cullman, AL	No Bid
Michael’s Tree Service	Cullman, AL	No Bid
<b>Reeve’s and Son, LLC</b>	<b>Cullman, AL</b>	<b>\$ 1,845.00</b>

WHEREAS, the recommendation from City Arborist Darrell Johns is to award the bid for tree services at 1302 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE to Reeve’s and Son, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,845.00.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the bid for tree services at 1302 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE is hereby awarded to Reeve’s and Son, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,845.00.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

Council Member Page seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Garlan Gudger asked for the City Council and Mayor to consider Board Appointments: None.

Council Member Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 80  
TO CALL A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at noon in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium is necessary to consider several requests;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the Cullman City Council will meet on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at noon in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

Council Member Folsom seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Gudger stated that Cullman Economic Development Director Peggy Smith will be retired as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. City Attorney Roy Williams thanked Peggy Smith for her tireless effort to make Cullman better. Mayor Woody Jacobs stated that Cullman would not be Cullman without Peggy Smith. Council Member Page stated that Peggy Smith is the standard (the Nick Saban) of Economic Development in the State of Alabama. Council Member Folsom stated that Peggy Smith is known and recognized nationally and internationally, but she has remained a humble public servant to her community. Council Member Clint Hollingsworth said that you cannot put a number on Peggy Smith's value to our community. City Clerk Wes Moore wished to give Peggy Smith his highest compliment that her retiring is similar to our community losing another Ms. Lucille Galin, a person that truly cannot be replaced. Council President Gudger stated that Cullman would not be where it is today without people (public servants) like Peggy Smith and Lucille Galin. Council President Gudger appreciated her many contributions to making Cullman a great community. Council Member Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 81**

**TO APPOINT A NEW CULLMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, the current Cullman Economic Development Director Peggy Smith will be retired as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that Dale Greer is hereby appointed the new Cullman Economic Development Director as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Garlan Gudger asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cook made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Page seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.