

**CULLMAN CITY SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2018 IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM**

Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook called the Cullman City Special Council Meeting to order at 12:06 o'clock p.m. on Friday, November 2nd, 2018. Police Chief Kenny Culpepper presented the invocation.

A roll call by Mr. Wesley Moore reflected the following: Present - Mayor Woody Jacobs, Council Member Andy Page, Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook, and Council Member Garlan Gudger. Absent: Council President Folsom and Council Member Hollingsworth. Also, present were City Attorney Roy Williams, and City Clerk Wesley Moore.

Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook asked the Council to consider the minutes from October 22nd, 2018. Council Member Gudger made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the minutes. Council Member Page 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 President Pro Tem Cook: Aye. Council Member Gudger: Aye. Council Member Gudger made a motion to approve the minutes from October 22nd, 2018 as written. Council Member Page 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 President Pro Tem Cook: Aye. Council Member Gudger: Aye.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook stated that the meeting is held today to accept the resignation of Council Member Garlan Gudger and to declare a vacancy in the Cullman City Council.

Council Member Page made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Garlan Gudger and to declare a vacancy in the Cullman City Council. Council Member Gudger seconded the motion to approve the resignation and vacancy.

Council Member Gudger read the following statement: I am honored to be a part of the City of Cullman. I was taught that if you want to make a difference in this world, be humble and serve others. And that's just what we've done, so that not I, but WE, have grown this City together. Over the past 14 years, I have been mentored by some of the legends of Cullman's history, including a total of eight Aldermen that I would go to battle with any day. I have been able to witness three different mayors with different leadership styles, which ALL have been the spearhead of our growth during their time and their reign.

The administration staff and department heads, and the list goes on and on, that have cared for me and taken care of me when I wasn't expecting it, and also my family. I will always remember the sacrifice you've displayed every day in your jobs, and that you never left without completing your job and getting the job done. That is Cullman's way. That's what we do. You see, the people that serve this blessed city – they're not quitters. They're not scared of a challenge. They're not intimidated. From the city workers to the department heads to the administration to all of the elected officials, that love and serve our City every day; we are all visionaries that bind together in the face of adversity, just like after the tornadoes in 2011. We, all together, found a way to make Cullman better at every opportunity that we were given.

Because of this relentless love for our community, it seems that all Cullmanites are born with, it is with a full heart of gratitude that I have served and will ask to resign today after 14 years of serving and to allow the next chapter of my life to begin, so that I may continue to serve this community and others as your State Senator.

When we go on conferences and different places, people always ask us what makes Cullman special. The answer is very simple and we always say the same thing. What makes Cullman so special is the people. The people in my head while writing this resignation letter and thinking of what has made this experience so memorable is the Woody Jacobs's, the Jenny Folsom's, the Clint Hollingsworth's, the Andy Page's, the Johnny Cook's, the Wesley Moore's, the Gail Busbey's, the Sherry Compton's, the Peggy Smith's, the Don Green's, the Kevin Morrow's, the Ernest Hauk's, the Wayne Walker's, the Dale Greer's, the Jamie Troutman's, the Junior Reinhardt's, the Brian Bradberry's, the Kenny Culpepper's, the Chris Freeman's, the Jeff Adam's, the Lucille Galin's, the Leanne West's, the Rick Fulmer's, the Ruth Rose's, the Luke Satterfield's, the Susan Eller's, the Finis St. John's, the John Apel's, the Tim Culpepper's, the Eddie Canaday's, the Jeff Hill's, the Shawn Crider's, the Dennis Richard's, the Bill St. John's, the Darren Peebles's, the David Moss's, the Daniel Hunt's, Jacob Smith's, Stanley Kennedy's, Roy Williams's, and everybody in this room. It means the world to me that you are here today. That's what makes Cullman so memorable to me is the people. I even understand it more today by writing this letter and having all of you be here, than anything. For every positive act that we've passed, for every road paved, for every industry recruited, for every problem (and Lord knows we've had a bunch) that have been solved, we did it as a team. It is only suited for me to ask that I hope these notes be reflected in the minutes so that my family, in the future, might be able to look at this and to know what is dear to my heart. But in the end, I hope that I'm remembered with a simple word that Coach Page coined on this council: Teamwork. So, with

no further ado, Mr. Pro Tem, my last act as a city councilman in this city that I love with all my heart, is to make a motion for the city council to accept my resignation as City Councilman. Thank you.

Council President Pro Tem Cook: I speak on behalf of the past mayors, the current mayor, and the city councilmen that you've served with, most of all the citizens of Cullman, that you will be sorely missed. You never did anything that wasn't good for the city as a whole. You've never had any agenda. With that, we expect bigger and better things out of you in Montgomery. We know that you will do great that will reflect back on us. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council Member Page: Aye. Council President Pro Tem Cook: Reluctantly, Aye. Council Member Gudger: With hesitation and reluctantly, Aye, too. Council President Pro Tem Cook announces the motion passed, and the meeting is adjourned for lack of quorum at 12:14 p.m.