

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 14TH, 2019 IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM

Council President Jenny Folsom called the Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 o'clock p.m. on Monday, January 14th, 2019. Preacher Jerry Lawson from Daystar Church presented the invocation.

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

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from December 17th, 2018. President Pro Tem Johnny Cook made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the minutes. Council Member Andy 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 President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. President Pro Tem Johnny Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17th, 2018 as written. Council Member David Moss 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 President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None.

V. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) - Chairman Andy Page announced that four police officers from City of Cullman assisted with Governor Kay Ivey's inauguration and that tomorrow our police department will be covering the Cullman County while they do the county's swearing in and departmental meetings.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Chairman David Moss – No report.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Chairman Johnny Cook – No report.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Chairman Clint Hollingsworth – No report.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Chairman Jenny Folsom – No report.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR – No report

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Shane Quick, owner of Premier Productions, 216 3rd Street SE, spoke on the proposed new location of Rock the South 2019 on 140 acres at 1872 County Road 469. Mr. Shane Quick reported that no final decision has been made regarding the location and that the festival has not been approved by the City of Cullman. Topics of concern discussed were amount of traffic, current road conditions, the safety and evacuation plans, and the future property values: Mr. David Brown, 2207 Deer Run Drive SW, questioned if the event location would be permanent. Mr. Brown inquired about the current zoning ordinance and voiced concerns regarding the possible reduction in property values. Mr. Brian (Kevin) Campbell, 2211 Deer Run Drive SW, voiced concerns regarding the current county roads being able to handle the event attendees and the possible reduction in property values. Mr. Alan Dukes, 2217 Lakeshore Drive SW, voiced concerns regarding the safety of the children in the Deer Trace Subdivision during the event, the current road conditions, the available space for event parking, and the security for local residents. Mrs. Carroll Shultz, 1019 Morningside Drive SW, spoke of the issues related to parking that she experienced with her property during the Rock the South Music Festival at the Heritage Park over the last several years. Mr. William (Willie) Hendrix III, 1495 County Road 469, inquired about who would take responsibility for the damages to the county roads being used for the event. Mr. Stephen (Steve) Speciale, 2206 Brook Lane SW, voiced concerns about the possible mischief and the additional driving dangers to residents in the area that this event would bring to their subdivision. Mr. Scott Haigh, 2215 Deer Run SW, also questioned road ability to handle the traffic. Mr. Eric Johnson, 2205 Deer Run, questioned if other locations were considered before selecting this location. Mr. Johnson also voiced concerns with traffic study results that Mr. Shane Quick mentioned. Mr. Earnest Wright, 1301 Olive Street SW, stated he never had a problem getting in and out of his property during previous Rock the South Events at Heritage Park. Mr. Wright also said that Mr. Quick did everything he said he would do to help them. Mrs. Glenda Wright, 1301 Olive Street SW, stated that 700 to 800 cars parked on their street during the event and that they even parked cars in their lot Mrs. Wright said she had never had a problem with mischief and that she was very happy with Mr. Quick and Rock the South. Mr. Gerald (Jerry) Lawson, 2217 Deer Run Drive SW, stated that he had concerns about protecting his property value. Mr. Jason Murphree, 2212 Lakeshore Drive SW, stated with the dangers of the route questions the results of the traffic study. He said that the planned location is a bad spot for the event and voiced concerns about the safety of children, drivers, and routes. Mrs. Emily Brown, 2207 Deer Run Drive SW, asked about the notification process and posting of agendas for upcoming meetings where Rock the South will be discussed. Mr. Dustin Boggs, 2221 Deer Run Drive SW, voiced concerns regarding the cost of preparation for property and infrastructure to create a venue to have only one event per year. Mrs. Amy Gleaton, 1464 Orchard Drive, voiced concerns about the possibility of others bringing events to that property and handling traffic. Mr. Shane Quick and Mr. Nathan Baugh answered questions and addressed the concerns regarding neighborhood the safety, traffic, roads, property values, property uses, and event permitting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council President Folsom called the public hearing to order on Ordinance No. 2019-07 to amend the Code of Ordinance Chapter 62 Section 193 regarding permitted uses. Roy Williams - City Attorney and Rick Fulmer - Director of Building and Zoning answered multiple questions and concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Questions and concerns from the audience were answered regarding: the maximum building size per lot, the maximum height, the type of residential housing units permitted in residential zones, and property taxes and school system funding. Speaking in favor: None. Speaking against: Mrs. Amy Gleaton, Mrs. Ashley Lamar, Mrs. Mary Dean Lamar, Mr. Larry Schultz, Mrs. Carroll Schultz, Mr. Earnest Wright, Mrs. Glenda Wright, Mrs. Linda Romine, and Mr. Leonard Romine. Mrs. Linda Romine, 1224 Morningside Drive SW, voiced her concerns of rezoning property to R-4 with the potential of apartment buildings in an area completely surrounded by an R-2 neighborhood. Mrs. Romine stated that multi-family housing will require additional police officers, firefighters, infrastructure, and schools for the increased amount of people. Mr. Leonard Romine, 1224 Morningside Drive SW, concerned that the \$200,000 to \$300,000 homes will have reduced property values due to apartments being built right next to their neighborhood. Mr. Romine stated that he does not want apartments next to his home and that the Council would feel the same. Mr. Earnest Wright, 1301 Olive Street SW, concerned of a drop in property values if a saturation of apartments are built in this area. Mrs. Glenda Wright, 1301 Olive Street SW, stated that there will be an increase of crime that will ruin her neighborhood. Mrs. Amy Gleaton stated that changes that eliminate the public's voice are bad. Mrs. Ashley Lamar stated that Cullman needs single family housing not apartments. With no others wishing to speak, Council President Folsom closed the public hearing.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, AND OTHER - None.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Folsom announced the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-07 to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 62 Section 193 regarding permitted uses. No further action was taken at this time.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to appoint Wade Bentley to replace Mike Eckenrod on the Personnel Board. Council Member Page seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 28

TO AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PORTABLE GENERATOR

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has been established to assist local governments with taking critical mitigation measures to protect life and property from future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman proposes to apply for HMGP funds to assist in the purchasing of a portable generator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman, as a recipient of these funds is required to provide a 25 percent match, payable to the Cullman County Commission, upon completion of the proposed mitigation project;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cullman will commit \$1,062.50 to reimburse Cullman County Commission for the local matching funds for this Hazard Mitigation Grant for a portable generator.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Jenny Folsom – President of the City

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore – City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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

Council President Folsom asked for a motion to adjourn. President Pro Tem Cook made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.