

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM**

Council President Jenny Folsom called the Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2024. Fire Chief Darren Peeples led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the invocation.

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

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from July 22, 2024. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from July 22, 2024, as written. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) – Chairman Brad Smith shared that two of the city’s firefighters traveled to assist with the swift water team from Hurricane Debbie.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Chairman David Moss happily reported this will be the second year with no rate increase for city residents for water, sewer or sanitation services.
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.) - Chairwoman Jenny Folsom shared that budget hearings for FY2025 will be held in late August and early September.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Jacobs also gave an update on the City’s operations.

Assistant Police Chief recognized Officer Josh Spinks for his quick actions in apprehending a suspect that had escaped custody. Officer Spinks successfully apprehended the suspect after a 150 yard foot chase.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, AND OTHER

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve a special event request from Dawn Beard of Destiny Church to hold a Cullman County Youth Prayer Event at Depot Park on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve a special event request from Keith Ellard of Sacred Heart Church to hold a 150th Anniversary Celebration Parish Picnic October 19th- 20th. Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 82
TO WAIVE THE OCTOBER 2024 INFLATION ADJUSTMENT
FOR SOLID WASTE PICKUP, SEWER SERVICE, AND WATER SERVICE
FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS LOCATED INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF CULLMAN**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cullman have experienced increased inflation since 2021;

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it will serve a public purpose to waive the October 2024 inflation adjustment for solid waste (sanitation) pickup, sewer service, and water service for residential customers located inside the city limits of Cullman, Alabama;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the residential rates for customers located inside the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, for solid waste (sanitation), sewer, and water will not be increased by the October 2024 inflation adjustment.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:
Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 83
AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA AND THE UNITED WAY OF CULLMAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United Way provides services for the citizens of Cullman and Cullman County which benefit its citizens and improve their way of life; and

WHEREAS, the United Way wishes to lease the building at Austin Ave., SW, Cullman, Alabama, for its public purpose and to provide reliable services to the citizens of Cullman and Cullman County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cullman that the Mayor Woody Jacobs is hereby authorized to exparte a lease agreement with United Way of Cullman Conty for 104 Austin Avenue SW., Cullman, Alabama effective August 1, 2024 and under the same and similar terms of the past lease with United Way on other lands.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:
Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 84
TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH AIR EVAC

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it would serve a public purpose to renew the contract with Air Evac for employee family coverage;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to renew the Air Evac contract for employee family coverage.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:
Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024 - 85

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council intends to apply for state matching funds for airport improvement projects for the Cullman Regional Airport during fiscal year 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Cullman as follows:

1. That the City of Cullman is authorized to make applications for airport improvement funding assistance from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation, for the purpose of undertaking projects in fiscal year 2024 to make improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport.

2. That the applications be submitted for and on behalf of the City of Cullman by its Mayor who is authorized by this resolution to sign applications and any related forms or documents on behalf of the City.
3. That the City of Cullman is authorized to enter into airport improvement funding agreements with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, for the purpose of undertaking projects to make improvements at the Cullman Regional Airport, with partial funding provided by the State of Alabama.
4. That the agreements be executed in the name of the City of Cullman for and on behalf of the Cullman City Council by its Mayor.
5. That the authority of the City of Cullman to enter into contracts with the State of Alabama has been reviewed by the City's attorney, and in his/her opinion, Cullman City Council is duly authorized to commit the City of Cullman to an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cullman City Council hereby affirms that the local matching share of funds in the amount required for this airport improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the airport and is available for expenditure upon execution of the State of Alabama's funding agreements and the start of the project.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting as the City Clerk, of the City of Cullman do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the City of Cullman named therein, at a regular meeting of such body held on the 12th day of August, 2024, and that such resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Cullman on this 12th day of August, 2024.

Wesley Moore, City Clerk

Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 86

Adopting Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act

WHEREAS, the Alabama legislature in Act. No. 2019-2 adopted the Rebuild Alabama Act;

WHEREAS, the Rebuild Alabama Act provides for an allocation among the municipalities of the state on the basis of the ratio of population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state a portion of the additional taxes levied under the Act to be used for transportation infrastructure, improvement, preservation and maintenance;

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the municipal governing body of the City of Cullman, Alabama, shall adopt an annual Transportation Plan, no later than August 31, which shall provide a detailed list of projects for which expenditures are intended to be made in the next fiscal year and shall be based upon an estimate of the revenues anticipated from the fund in which the additional revenue is deposited during the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that any such funds shall be used only for the maintenance, improvement, replacement, and construction of roads and bridges maintained by the City of Cullman, Alabama, and such other uses as are defined in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

1. The City Council of Cullman, Alabama, hereby passes this Resolution as its Transportation Plan submitted in compliance with the Rebuild Act, Act No. 2019-2.
2. Pursuant to the Act, the City Council of Cullman, Alabama, estimates that its anticipated allocation from the Rebuild Alabama Act fund for the first fiscal year will be approximately \$112,328.51, with increasing allocations for each fiscal year thereafter.
3. Pursuant to the Act, the City anticipates expending funds received pursuant to the Act, in part or in whole, to fund any of the following listed projects:
 - Daisy Street NW
 - Pecan Avenue NW
 - Edgewood Street NW
 - Edgewood Drive NW
 - Woodland Street NW
 - David Drive NW
 - Shelia Avenue NW

- Rose Street NW
- Manor Drive NE
- Brentwood Drive NE
- Brentwood Court NE
- Chatteau Drive NE
- Briarcliff Road NE
- Larkwood Drive NE
- Larkwood Court NE

4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to post a copy of this Resolution as its Transportation Plan in a conspicuous place at the County Courthouse, the County Commission Office, the County Highway Department, the Cullman City Street Department Office, the Cullman City Hall, and on the website of the City of Cullman, Alabama.

5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to establish a separate fund maintained by the City of Cullman, Alabama, for receipt and deposit of funds received pursuant to the Act, the proceeds of which shall be expended solely for the maintenance, improvement, replacement and construction of roads and bridges maintained by the City and such other uses as are authorized by the Act.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 12th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – None.

Council President Folsom asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Smith made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.