

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 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, January 27, 2025. Assistant Police Chief Brandon Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the invocation.

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

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from January 13, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025, as written. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to delete item number four under roman numeral eleven, to consider Ordinance No. 20256-06 to annex Darryl Howard property located on Sharpton Road as R-4 District.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) - Council Member Brad Smith - No report.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Council Member David Moss – No report.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny Cook shared the annual spring clean-up will be the week of March 24-28 and the free hazardous waste drop off is scheduled for March 22.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth – No report
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom – No report.

VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR – None.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Patti Phillips, 282 Ashland Drive SW, spoke regarding the proposed work ALDOT has planned for a median and service road on Highway 157 near the Noble Ridge subdivision.

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 Jessica Atchley of Victim Services of Cullman for a Fire Truck Pull event on May 3rd at 1707 Main Ave SW on May 3, 2025. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman has determined that entering into an agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. serves a public and municipal purpose by providing a safe and secure option for mothers, who are unable to care for their newborns, to anonymously surrender their infant to medical personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Cullman that Mayor Woody Jacobs is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. under the terms and conditions as he deems just.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of January 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 27th day of January 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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 NUMBER 2025-22
TO APPLY FOR REBUILD ALABAMA ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS
FOR GRAHAM STREET SW ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council intends to apply for Rebuild Alabama Annual Grant Program funds for fiscal year 2025 for roadway improvements on a portion of Graham Street SW; and

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

1. That the City of Cullman is authorized to make applications Rebuild Alabama grant funds from the State of Alabama Department of Transportation, for the purpose of undertaking projects in fiscal year 2025 to make roadway improvements on Graham Street SW.
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 funding agreements with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, for the purpose of undertaking projects to make roadway improvements on Graham Street SW, 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 roadway improvement project has been officially approved, placed into the budget 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 27th day of January, 2025, 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 27th day of January, 2025.

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAIN ASSOCIATES, INC
FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE FOR THE OMNIPLEX SPORTS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman has determined that entering into an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. serves a public and municipal purpose by providing wayfinding signage for the OmniPlex Sports District; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Cullman that Mayor Woody Jacobs is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. under the terms and conditions as he deems just.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of January 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 27th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

Council President Jenny Folsom held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-07 to annex N31, LLC property located on US Hwy 31 N as R-4 District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 07

TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, N31, LLC, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PIN: 21598. PARCEL NUMBER: 09-08-33-0-001-001.005. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 0 US Highway 31 N.

A tract or parcel of land containing 20.83 acres of land, more or less, and being all that part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama that is West of L & N Railroad and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found pipe marking the accepted Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 33 having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1533445.20', E. 2164550.28' and run thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East (bearing based on Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, Grid), a distance of 2,551.95 feet to a 3 inch pipe marking the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds East and run along the North line, a distance of 342.80 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of L & N Railroad; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East and run along said right-of-way line, a distance of 2,556.46 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831) marking the South line of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 367.64 feet to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-4 Residential District.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of January, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 27th day of January 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion to approve the ordinance, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the council members: Council President Pro Tem Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. Council Member Smith: Absent. Council Member Moss: Absent.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to reappoint Wesley Moore to the Alcohol Review Committee. 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. Council President Pro Tem Cook made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.