

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2025. Police Chaplain Monte Bridgewater presented the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Brad Smith, Council Member David Moss, and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. City Clerk Wesley Moore was also present. City Attorney Roy Williams was absent.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from March 3, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2025, as written. Council Member Moss 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.) - Council Member Brad Smith – Fire Deputy Chief Ellenburg shared that the Fire Department is hosting first responder leadership conference on March 31 and April 1.
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 is next week, and the hazardous waste drop off will be held on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth – Airport Director Ben Harrison reported the current airport projects include a general aviation apron reconstruction and a midfield development construction; as well as purchasing easements to benefit the airport.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom – No report.

Superintendent Kyle Kalhoff provided updates on the school's construction projects and ongoing school year. Mr. Kalhoff recognized two West Elementary students who each created an app winning the Alabama School District 6 competition and will now compete at the Alabama Computer Science Summit in Montgomery. Elementary school winner was Lauren Hughes for creating an app titled "Presidential Brain Busters" and the middle school winner was Kinslee Barnett for creating an app titled "Daily Devotions" .

**VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Jacobs gave an update on the city's operations.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council President Folsom set a public hearing on April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for Ordinance 2025-09 to rezone the Coots property located on Marie Street NW from R-3 to R-4 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Council President Folsom held a public hearing on Resolution No. 2025-27 to assess the cost of demolishing and removing a dangerous structure at 1509 Bower Drive SE. The public hearing was opened for comments at 7:16 pm, with no one wishing to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve a special event request from City Clerk Wes Moore to hold the State Track Meet at Cullman High School beginning on May 1, 2025, and ending on May 3, 2025. Council Member Hollingsworth 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 approve a special event request from Joyce Nix of St. Bernard for the annual Bloomin' Festival on April 5-6, 2025. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 27**

**TO ASSESS THE COST OF DEMOLISHING AND REMOVING A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2025-01, the City Council of the City of Cullman, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, authorized the City Clerk of the City of Cullman, Alabama, to demolish and remove the structure located at 1509 Bower Drive SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055; and

**WHEREAS**, the City subsequently removed the structure pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-01, dated October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Clerk has subsequently mailed the owner of said property a copy of the report of the cost of demolition; the owner was further notified by letter that an assessment would be placed against the property for the demolition costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that all things necessary and proper have been done to make final the assessment against the property for the cost of demolition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, that the City Clerk hereby assesses the cost demolition against the described property in this Resolution in the amounts indicated; AND, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized, requested and directed to levy the amount of such assessments against the property indicated and to collect the same in the same manner as other assessments are collected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, that the City Clerk, or his appointed designee, is hereby authorized, requested and directed to file in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, a certified copy of this Resolution along with a lien instrument on the property listed in this Resolution, in the amounts indicated plus any recording or filing fees and plus any legal late penalty fees as determined by the City Clerk of the City of Cullman, Alabama.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 28**

**TO AWARD BID FOR A 4WD CREW CAB WORK TRUCK TO BILL SMITH BUICK GMC**

**WHEREAS**, bids (CB2025-08) were received on March 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. for a 4WD crew cab work truck for the City of Cullman, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation from Police Chief Joey Duncan is to award the bid to Bill Smith Buick GMC, the lowest responsible bidder; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cullman City Council that the bid for a crew cab work truck be awarded to Bill Smith Buick GMC, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$50,457.50.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/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 Moss made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 29**

**APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 FOR JIM COOPER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council awarded the bid for the new Civic Center Complex recently named “OmniPlex” to Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$19,583,687.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council approved Change Orders No. 1, 2, and 3 increasing the project cost by \$5,215.75 for upgrading interior doors, adding floor electrical boxes, upgrading a transformer to \$19,590,290.54; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council rejected Change Orders No. 4, 5, and 7 which were deemed unnecessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council approved Change Orders No. 6, 8, 9, and 10 to upgrade door hardware, add power for shot clocks, enlarge sectional door, and add LED entry signage with circuit and steel increasing the project cost by \$26,419.65 to \$19,616,710.19; and

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council approved Change Orders No. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 improving court markings, adding power for LED entry signage, and crediting allowances for security networking, access control, video displays, and gym sound system reducing the project cost by \$406,405.35 to \$19,210,304.84; and

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council wishes to approve Change Orders No. 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 to add a large sectional door, to upgrade a monument sign, to modify electrical for PA system, to add a surge suppressor, and to upgrade light pole fixtures increasing the project cost by \$47,179.09 to \$19,257,483.93; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Change Orders No. 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 which will increase the total cost of the contract with Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc. by \$47,179.09 to \$19,257,483.93.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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 – 30**

**TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GOODWYN, MILLS & CAWOOD**

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it would serve a public purpose to enter into contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for professional engineering services related to the general aviation apron reconstruction project at the Cullman Regional Airport;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for professional engineering services related to general aviation apron reconstruction project at the Cullman Regional Airport.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 31**

**TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GOODWYN, MILLS & CAWOOD**

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that it would serve a public purpose to enter into contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for professional engineering services related to the midfield development construction project at the Cullman Regional Airport;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council in the State of Alabama that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for professional engineering services related to midfield development construction project at the Cullman Regional Airport.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 32**

### **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE EASEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman has determined that it would serve a public purpose to purchase easements and properties adjacent to Cullman Regional Airport for public and/or municipal use;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Cullman that Mayor Woody Jacobs is hereby authorized to purchase easements and properties for their fair market value under the terms and conditions as he deems just.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 17th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Jacobs reappointed Jay Page to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Carla Brower to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; replacing Brad Jones. 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 appoint Edgar Veigl to the CCCDD Board, replacing James Chumley. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Moss made a motion to reappoint Frances Cooper to the CCCDD Board. Council Member Smith 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 Member Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.