

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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 Attorney Roy Williams and City Clerk Wesley Moore were also present.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from May 5, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2025, 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.) - 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 – No report.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth reported on the success of the 112 team Nike sponsored 7th and 8th grade basketball tournament at the new Omniplex facility, and shared details about the upcoming 80's themed Roll Cullman roller skating event to be held at Depot Park. Cullman Chamber of Commerce Director, Joey Orr, shared about ongoing and upcoming events of 2nd Fridays, Shopopoly campaign and National Small Business month. Airport Director, Ben Harrison, reported on the airport hangar project, taxiway and midfield improvement projects to be completed this year.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom – No report.

VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

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

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ann Swayka, 1638 Dryden St SE, spoke regarding the flooding issues caused by the subdivisions grading in the Bolte Crossing Subdivision.

Jessica Pennington, 1690 Drake Ave SE, spoke regarding the flooding issues caused by the subdivisions grading in the Bolte Crossing Subdivision.

City Engineer Erica York reported that the subdivision grading is unacceptable and it must be corrected. The subdivision builder has built a diversion pond and are having a survey performed to re-evaluate the subdivision plans and to see what corrections need to be made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve special event request from Helen Allen of the American Cancer Society to hold the annual Cullman County Relay for Life on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Depot Park. 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 approve special event request from Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism to hold a 'Roll Cullman' roller community skating event on Friday, May 30, 2025 at Depot Park. 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 Hollingsworth made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-49:

**CITY OF CULLMAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 –49**

WHEREAS the City of Cullman desires to rehabilitate and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks beginning at the intersection of 3rd Street, SW (Highway 278) and 3rd Avenue SW and extending south along 3rd Avenue SW to 5th Street SW and then west along 5th Street SW to the intersection of 4th Avenue SW in downtown Cullman.

WHEREAS the City of Cullman proposes to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Transportation for grant assistance available through the FY2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS the TAP Grant Application Ceiling is \$1,000,000.00 and the program requires a cash match of at least 20% of eligible project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of Cullman will provide the required 20% local cash match or \$200,000 plus all construction cost overruns, as well all cost associated with engineering design and administrative services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Woody Jacobs is hereby authorized to file an application for these funds, and in the event a grant is awarded, the Cullman City Council understands that the Mayor will be required to sign certifications and assurances to comply with applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

READ AND APPROVED by the City of Council of Cullman, Alabama on this the 12th day of May 2025.

SIGNED FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN:

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

Council Member Smith 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 Resolution 2025-50:

**CITY OF CULLMAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50**

WHEREAS, City of Cullman has applied for and received a \$1,000,000.00 FY2024 Appalachian Regional Commission Grant (ARC) Grant #:AL-21878-2024 to construct a 10,000 square foot hangar and a 1,600 square foot classroom at the Cullman Regional Airport.

THEREFORE, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Cullman has solicited and received bids from qualified construction companies to provide design build services for above referenced building in accordance with the approved bid documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Cullman City Council has evaluated the bids received and have determined Newell Construction is the low bidder on the construction phase of this project; and

THAT, Woody Jacobs, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Newell Construction upon approval from ARC in the amount of \$2,734,670.00 to design and construct the 10,000 square foot hangar and a 1,600 square foot classroom at the Cullman Regional Airport.

READ AND APPROVED by the City of Council of Cullman, Alabama on this the 12th day of May 2025.

Signed for the Cullman City Council:

/s/Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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

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 7:30 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.