

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 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 June 23, 2025. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from June 23, 2025, as written. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council President Folsom welcomed Mr. Roy Drinkard, sharing that he has just celebrated his 105th birthday and shared that he is the oldest living marine. Mayor Jacobs led everyone to sing Happy Birthday to Mr. Drinkard.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Council Member Moss made a motion to add Resolution No. 2025-63 to move the date of the next city council meeting. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) - Council Member Brad Smith congratulated Fire Chief Darren Peebles for his appointment by the Alabama State Senate to the Homeland Security Taskforce until November 2026.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Council Member David Moss reported that the Water and Sewer Departments are doing well financially, with reserves at an all-time high and without having any residential rate increases over the last three years.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny shared a praise of the Sanitation Department from a resident who appreciated the department's quick work during the Spring Clean-Up.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) - Council Member Clint Hollingsworth praised the Chamber of Commerce's successful 2nd Friday summer events. Airport Director Ben Harrison reported on the airport's upcoming hangar, taxiway and apron projects.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Council Member Jenny Folsom shared the third quarter financial report showing the city's general revenue is up 7.2% and expenses increased 5.1% due to planned expenses and capital projects. The city's general fund is operating with over eight months in reserve, which is the best financial standing in the last 20 years. Cullman County's unemployment rate is 2.5%.

East Elementary's archery team was recognized for their successful season with finishing first place at all nine regular season tournaments, won the regional competition and the state title in the bullseye competition; further they earned first place in 3D and fifth place in bullseye at the NASP Eastern Nationals, qualifying the team for the Championship 'World' Tournament, and where several archers achieved personal best scores, the team earning a second place in 3D and third place in bullseye. Team member, Trevor Bone, was one of 29 archers in the nation to be recognized for the All-American Archery Team.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Jacobs delivered the certified list of qualified voters to City Clerk Wesley Moore for the upcoming municipal election; also, shared an update on paving projects throughout the city.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ricky Browning, 1417 Bolte Road SE, spoke regarding the availability of election information on the municipal website.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

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

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve a special event permit from Julie Freeman of Friends of the Libraries of Cullman County, for a Spooktacular Storybook Sprint 5k and fun run on October 25, 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 Smith made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-56
TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TO WOODY JACOBS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a Commission form of government; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if any one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualifications has passed, then such person, shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Cullman has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor prior to the deadline established in the notice of election, and that the name of the person who filed such statement was Woody Jacobs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cullman that Woody Jacobs be and hereby is declared elected to the office of Mayor in the City of Cullman, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Cullman be and he is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to Woody Jacobs for the office of Mayor for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-26, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57

TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

TO PAUL SCHAFFER FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a Commission form of government; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if any one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualifications has passed, then such person, shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Cullman has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of City Council Place No. 4 prior to the deadline established in the notice of election, and that the name of the person who filed such statement was Paul Schaffer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cullman that Paul Schaffer be and hereby is declared elected to the office of City Council Place No. 4 in the City of Cullman, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Cullman be and he is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to Paul Schaffer for the office of Cullman City Council Place No. 4 for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-26, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-58

TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

TO DAVID WIGGINS FOR THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD PLACE NO. 2

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a Commission form of government; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if any one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-74 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualifications has passed, then such person, shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the Mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person; and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Cullman has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of School Board Place No. 2 prior to the deadline established in the notice of election, and that the name of the person who filed such statement was David Wiggins.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cullman that David Wiggins be and hereby is declared elected to the office of School Board Place No. 2 in the City of Cullman, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Cullman be and he is hereby directed to issue a certificate of election to David Wiggins for the office of School Board Place No. 2 for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-26, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 59

APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 & 29 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

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council wishes to approve Change Orders No. 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29 which will not increase the contract amount because of allowances; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Change Orders No. 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29 with Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc. which will not increase the contract amount.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 Smith made a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 60

TO AWARD BID FOR THE ANEROBIC DIGESTER MAINTENANCE PROJECT

WHEREAS, bids were opened on July 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant anaerobic digester maintenance project; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the anaerobic digester maintenance project was Synagro Technologies, in the budgeted amount of \$423,750; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the anaerobic digester maintenance project be hereby awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Synagro Technologies, in the amount not to exceed \$423,750.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 61

TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH

CULLMAN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council and the Cullman City Board of Education desire to provide law enforcement services to the public schools of the City of Cullman; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Cullman City Board of Education to provide the school system with school resource officers to maintain a safer school environment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Cullman City Board of Education to provide school resource officers for the city's public schools.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 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 approve the following resolution:

**CITY OF CULLMAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-62**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program has been established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, City of Cullman, acting by and through its City Council proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funds to implement a Neighborhood Improvement Project on Logan Street SW, 6th Street SW, and Austin Avenue SW.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

WOODY JACOBS, MAYOR, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, requesting Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to implement a Neighborhood Improvement Project on Logan Street, SW, 6th Street SW, and Austin Avenue SW.

THAT, THE CITY OF CULLMAN will provide a local cash match of at least \$288,767.75 in support of this project and the City of Cullman will provide all labor and equipment required to construct all improvements associated with this project outside of the scope of the project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cullman City Council, on this the 14th day of July 2025.

SIGNED FOR THE CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL:

By: /s/Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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 the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 63

TO MOVE THE DATE OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council has determined that there will be no quorum present for the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, July 28th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the date and time of the Council Meeting on Monday, July 28th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. is hereby moved to Thursday, July 24th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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 Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.