

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AT 7:00 PM
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, September 8, 2025. Fire Chief Darren Peebles 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 Member David Moss and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. City Attorney Roy Williams and City Clerk Wesley Moore were also present. Absent were Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook and Council Member Brad Smith.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from August 29, 2025. Council Member Moss made a motion to approve the minutes from August 29, 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 – 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 presented a plaque from the Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association awarding the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant the Best Operated Plant Award in the Trickling Filter category.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Council Member Johnny Cook – No report.
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.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR – No report.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

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

Council Member Moss made a motion to approve a special event request from Glenn Hurley for street preaching at the junction of Third Street and Second Avenue SW from 2:45 until 5:15 p.m. 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 approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 84

This Resolution is made this 21st day of July, 2025 (the Effective Date) by the City of Cullman, Alabama (the Granting Authority), to grant a tax abatement for Project Class (the Company).

WHEREAS, the Company has announced plans for a (check one):
new project or ☒ major addition to their existing facility (the Project),
located within the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 (Section 40-9B-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975) (the Act), the Company has requested from the Granting Authority an Abatement of (check all that apply):

- ☒ all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes,
- ☒ all construction related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, and/or
- all mortgage and recording taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the abatement of state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes (if applicable) be extended for a period of 10 years, in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has considered the request of the Company and the completed application (copy attached) filed with the Granting Authority by the Company, in connection with its request; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority has found the information contained in the Company's application to be sufficient to permit the Granting Authority to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project and to determine the economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the project will involve capital investment of \$8,000,000 ; and

WHEREAS, the Company is duly qualified to do business in the State of Alabama, and has powers to enter into, and to perform or observe the agreements and covenants on its part contained in the Tax Abatement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Granting Authority represents and warrants to the Company that it has power under that constitution and laws of the State of Alabama (including particularly the provisions of the Act) to carry out provisions of the Tax Abatement Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Granting Authority as follows:

Section 1. Approval is hereby given to the application of the Company and abatement is hereby granted of (check all that apply):

- X all state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes,
- X all construction related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education, and/or all mortgage and recording taxes

as the same may apply to the fullest extent permitted by the Act. The period of abatement for the noneducational ad valorem taxes (if applicable) shall extend for a period of 10 years measured as provided in Section 40-9B-3(h) of the Act.

Section 2. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to enter into an abatement agreement with the Company to provide for the abatement granted in Section 1.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution, with the application and abatement agreement, shall be forwarded to the Company to deliver to the appropriate local taxing authorities (if applicable) and to the Alabama Department of Revenue in accordance with the Act.

Section 4. The governing body of the Granting Authority is authorized to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of the foregoing of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the City of Cullman, Alabama of Alabama at a meeting held on the 8th day of September, 2025.

BY: Woody Jacobs L. S.
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

Wesley Moore

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Moss made a motion to reappoint Steve Murphree to the Utilities Board. 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 Member Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.