

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 7:00 PM
IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM**

Council President Kim Hall called the Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026. Police Officer and Chaplain Jim Butts 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 Pro Tem David Moss, Council President Kim Hall, Council Member Jason Willoughby, Council Member Paul Schaffer, and Council Member Chuck Shikle. City Attorney Brandy Lee, and City Clerk Wesley Moore were also present.

Council President Kim Hall asked the Council to consider the minutes from February 9, 2026. Council President Pro Tem Moss made a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2026 as written. Council Member Schaffer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Derek Distenfield, 203 Wrangell, Mooresville, NC, spoke in favor of the housing development planned for the property on County Road 1466.

Council President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-16 to update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 165 Reconstruction of damaged buildings or structures, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. With no one wishing to speak regarding this ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Council President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-18 to rezone property located at 2211 Second Avenue NW from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. With no one wishing to speak regarding this ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Council President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-20 update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 32 *Lots, yards and open spaces*, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. With no one wishing to speak regarding this ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Council President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-21 update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 163 *Nonconforming Lots*, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. With no one wishing to speak regarding this ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Council President Hall opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-23 to create a neighborhood enhancement program within the City of Cullman. Mr. Brannon Ray spoke in favor of this ordinance. The public hearing was closed at 7:13p.m.

Council President Hall set a public hearing on March 23rd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-33 to rezone property owned by Rodney Hawkins located at 701 Main Avenue SW from R-4 Residential to B-2 Business District (PIN 5161).

Council Member Shikle made a motion to approve special event request from Amanda Garrison of Sonic for a drive-in car show on the first Friday of March through October from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Council President Pro Tem Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Council Member Shikle made a motion to approve a special event request from Joyce Nix of St. Bernard Prep School to host the annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on April 18 and 19, 2026. Council Member Schaffer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Council Member Place 1 - Council Member Chuck Shikle reported on operations and recognitions related to the public safety departments.
2. Council Member Place 2 – Council Member Davis Moss reported on operations and recognitions related to the tourism departments.
3. Council Member Place 3 - Council Member Willoughby reported on operations related to public works departments.
4. Council Member Place 4 - Council Member Paul Schaffer reported on operations related to related to the utility departments.
5. Council Member Place 5 - Council Member Kim Hall shared the monthly budget report, reported on operations and recognitions related to general government departments.

6. Mayor – Woody Jacobs reported on the city’s operations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Hall held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-26 to annex property (52.66 acres; PIN 200273) owned by Brock Miracle Egg, LLC, located on County Road 1466 as R-3 Residential District. Council Member Willoughby made a motion to approve the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 26
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, Brock Miracle Egg, LLC, has 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: 200273. Parcel Number: 17-01-01-0-000-001.000. Property Address: 0 County Road 1466, Cullman, AL 35055.
Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 52.66 acres of land, more or less, and being all of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 1, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at a found railroad spike marking the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and run North 89 degrees 32 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 1326.17 feet to a set rebar marking the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 1324.01 feet to a found capped rebar marking the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, thence continue South 00 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 424.99 feet to a found capped rebar; thence North 86 degrees 52 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 451.52 feet to a found bolt marking the Northwest corner of a 50 foot wide road/utility easement; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West and run along the West line of said 50 foot wide easement a distance of 622.27 feet to a set rebar marking the North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 157, same being the Southwest corner of said 50 foot wide easement; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes 08 seconds East and run along said State Highway No. 157 a distance of 49.91 feet to a found square pipe, same being the Southeast corner of said 50 foot wide road/utility easement; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 622.47 feet to a found square pipe marking the Northwest corner of said easement; thence North 86 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 825.31 feet to a point on the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 304.09 feet to a set rebar marking the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 1325.25 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to a 50-foot-wide road/utility easement as described in Deed Book 463, Page 190 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama. Less and except for all that part of the above-described tract that is within the right-of-way line of County Road 1466, County Road No. 1464 and Pitzing Road. Subject to any rights of way and/or easements of record.

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-3 Residential District contingent upon the owners granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.

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 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/Kim Hall, City Council President

ATTEST:
/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council President Pro Tem Moss 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 Moss: Aye. Council President Hall: Aye. Council Member Willoughby: Aye. Council Member Schaffer: Aye. Council Member Shikle: Aye.

Council President Hall held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-27 to regulate the installation and operation of public electric vehicle charging stations within the City of Cullman. Council Member Shikle made a motion to approve the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 27

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council recognizes the increasing use of electric vehicles and the need for public charging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish regulations to ensure the safe installation and operation of public electric vehicle charging stations to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, compliance with established electrical and fire codes is essential to mitigate risks associated with such installations; and

SECTION 1. Purposed of this Ordinance is to add Article VI. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

SECTION 2. The following article of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is hereby added to read as follows:

**Chapter 22 – Fire Prevention and Protection.
Article VI. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.**

Section 22-120. Purpose and Scope.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the installation and operation of public electric vehicle charging stations within the City of Cullman.

Section 22-121. Definitions.

For the purposes of this ordinance:

- (a) "Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station" means any Level 1, Level 2, or DC fast charging equipment that is accessible to the public and is used for charging electric vehicles.
- (b) "Building" means any structure intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Section 22-122. Installation Requirements.

All public electric vehicle charging stations shall be installed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) **Electrical Compliance.** Installations shall comply with Article 625 of the 2026 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC), which governs Electric Vehicle Power Transfer Systems.
- (b) **Location and Setback.** Charging stations shall be located a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet from any building to ensure safety and reduce fire hazards.
- (c) **Vehicle Impact Protection.** Barriers shall be provided in accordance with Section 312.2 of the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC) to protect charging stations from vehicle impacts. Barriers shall not obstruct accessibility as required by ADA standards. Vehicle impact protection posts shall meet the following specifications:
 - **Materials:** Constructed of steel not less than four (4) inches (102 mm) in diameter and concrete filled.
 - **Spacing:** Spaced not more than four (4) feet (1219 mm) between posts on center.
 - **Depth:** Set not less than three (3) feet (914 mm) deep in a concrete footing of not less than fifteen (15) inches (381 mm) in diameter.
 - **Height:** Set with the top of the posts not less than three (3) feet (914 mm) above ground.
 - **Distance:** Located not less than three (3) feet (914 mm) from the protected object (charging station).

These requirements are designed to enhance safety by providing robust protection against accidental vehicle impacts.

Section 22-123. Operation Requirements.

Public electric vehicle charging stations shall be operated in a safe manner, including regular maintenance to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and standards. Operators shall provide clear signage indicating usage instructions, safety warnings, emergency shut off, and emergency contact information.

Section 22-124. Permits and Inspections.

Installation of public electric vehicle charging stations requires a permit from the City of Cullman Building Department. Inspections shall be conducted to verify compliance with this ordinance, the NEC, and the IFC. The installation must be performed by a contractor with the appropriate licensing and insurance for such project.

Section 22-125. Enforcement and Penalties.

Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to fines not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation, and the City may order the removal or correction of non-compliant installations.

SECTION III. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/Kim Hall, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Schaffer 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 Moss: Aye. Council President Hall: Aye. Council Member Willoughby: Aye. Council Member Schaffer: Aye. Council Member Shikle: Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

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Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-21 update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 163 Nonconforming Lots, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-23 to create a neighborhood enhancement program within the City of Cullman.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-28 establishing procedures for the sale of real property owned by the City.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-29 to establish a process for a property owner located outside the city limits to request sanitary sewer service from the city.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-30 to establish a process for a property owner located outside the city limits to request water service from the city.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-31 to adopt an official tree list for the City as recommended by the Tree Commission.

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-32 to annex property owned by Joseph Culpepper located at County Road 1273 into the city limits of Cullman as AG-1 Agricultural District (PIN 4849).

Council President Hall held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-34 to repeal and replace Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2026-25 requesting two certified appraisals on surplus property and that all property offers to be submitted to the City Council for future consideration at a public meeting. Council Member Willoughby made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 2026-34. Council Member Shikle seconded the motion to suspend the rules, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council President Pro Tem Moss: Aye. Council President Hall: Aye. Council Member Willoughby: Aye. Council Member Schaffer: Aye. Council Member Shikle: Aye. Council Member Willoughby made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-34.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 34

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 25

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Cullman City Council hereby repeals and replaces Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2026 – 25 with the following:

***SECTION 4.** The Cullman City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to bring two certified appraisals on the above-described properties and any potential offers that may have been submitted back to the City Council for their possible consideration at a future Council meeting.*

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/Kim Hall, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member Shikle 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 Moss: Aye. Council President Hall: Aye. Council Member Willoughby: Aye. Council Member Schaffer: Aye. Council Member Shikle: Aye.

Council President Pro Tem Moss made a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 75

TO AMEND THE POSITION CONTROL AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the position control, the job descriptions, and the fiscal year 2026 budget are hereby amended to include the following:

- a) Update 9 job descriptions for WWTP.
- b) Add 2 new job classifications for WWTP – Lab Technician and Operator (uncertified).
- c) Reclassify a position at WWTP – Administrative Clerk to Lab Technician.
- d) Add a new job description for CEDA - Assistant Director.
- e) Add a new job description for the Museum - Director.
- f) Add a full-time director position at the Museum.
- g) Remove a part-time position at the Museum.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/Kim Hall, City Council President

ATTEST:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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

Board Appointments: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Council President Hall noted the upcoming council meeting is March 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Council President Hall asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Willoughby made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

