

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022, 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, November 14, 2022. Police Chief Kenny Culpepper led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the invocation.

A roll call by City Clerk Wesley Moore reflected the following: Present - Council President Jenny Folsom, Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook, Council Member David Moss, Council Member Brad Smith, and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. Also present were Mayor Woody Jacobs, City Attorney Roy Williams, and City Clerk Wesley Moore.

Council President Jenny Folsom asked the Council to consider the minutes from November 7, 2022. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to suspend the rules to consider the minutes. Council Member Moss 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 Cook, Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Brad Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2022, as written. Council Member Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council President Pro Tem Cook, Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Brad Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Public Safety (Fire, Police, etc.) – Chairman Brad Smith - No report.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Chairman David Moss - No report.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Chairman Johnny Cook shared that the new leaf vacuum truck collected 40 tons of leaves in its first week of operation. Another new leaf vacuum truck should arrive next month.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) Chairman Clint Hollingsworth reported the grand opening for the skate park on Saturday was well attended; and the Budweiser Clydesdale horses that visited during Christmas Open House on Sunday drew a large crowd.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Chairwoman Jenny Folsom - No report.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR - Mayor Jacobs presented a resolution to Police Chief Kenny Culpepper honoring him for his forty-four years of service to the City of Cullman Police Department.

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Police Chief Kenny Culpepper for Forty-Four Years of Exemplary Service and Leadership

WHEREAS, Kenny Culpepper began his career with the Cullman Police Department in February 1978, was appointed Police Chief in October 1988, and will retire December 1, 2022, after forty-four years of service; and,

WHEREAS, Kenny is a graduate of Cullman High School; holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Auburn University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from Athens State University; is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and the Northeast Alabama Police Academy; and has completed numerous training classes during his forty-four year tenure with the Cullman Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his years of service with the Cullman Police Department, Kenny served with the Alabama National Guard's 20th Special Forces for twenty-one years; served as a board member for numerous organizations including the American Red Cross, United Way, and Cullman Caring for Kids; and is a long-time, faithful, and active member of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church; and,

WHEREAS, Kenny's confident leadership skills and unpretentious humility have allowed him to lead the Cullman Police Department for thirty-four years – through both good times and difficult times – while inspiring trust, cooperation, and commitment among his officers and fostering a respectful and compassionate relationship with the community; and,

WHEREAS, through his service with the Cullman Police Department, his service to his church and numerous organizations, and his service with the Alabama National Guard, Kenny represents the very best of Cullman – living his life in humble and devoted service to our community, our state, and our country; and,

WHEREAS, it is a great privilege and honor to officially recognize the exemplary service of Kenny Culpepper – Cullman's longest-serving Chief of Police – on the occasion of his much-deserved and well-earned retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Cullman, Alabama, on behalf of our grateful citizens, hereby express our sincere gratitude to Police Chief Kenny Culpepper for his invaluable leadership and contributions to our community and for his willingness to sacrifice his life, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would threaten our peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Cullman City Council and that a copy be presented to Police Chief Kenny Culpepper with our sincere and heartfelt wishes for a long and happy retirement spent with his devoted wife Diane; children Cody, Clint (Rachel), and Kelsey; and grandchildren Olivia and Ophelia.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

Council Member Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution recognizing Police Chief Kenny Culpepper for Forty-Four Years of Exemplary Service and Leadership. Council Member Moss seconded the motion to approve resolution, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA - None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to approve a request from Kelly Pulliam of Cullman Parks and Recreation to hold a Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony in Depot Park on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. 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 a special event request from Kelly Pulliam of Cullman Parks and Recreation for the Christkindlmarkt from Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th from 11:00 am until 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 06

TO ESTABLISH THE CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council encourages the public to attend all Cullman City Council Meetings and has determined that the following dates and times listed below would be the most appropriate:

Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 24th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 31st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 13th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 14th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 28th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 25th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 8th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cullman that the schedule of dates and times for the Cullman City Council Meetings are hereby adopted.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

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

Council President Jenny Folsom held the first readings for Ordinance No. 2023-08 to approve the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday from February 24, 2023 until February 26, 2023. Council Member Hollingsworth 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 Johnny Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-08. Mr. Wesley Moore polled the Council Members: Council President Pro Tem Johnny Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA,

TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE STATE OF ALABAMA SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

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

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2012-256 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Cullman, Alabama, exempts “covered items” from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all term, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2012-256, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Cullman, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 14th day of November, 2022.

/s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

Council Member Smith 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 Johnny Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Absent. Council Member Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Edgar Viegl on the Tree Commission Board to replace Michael Sullins. 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 Joel Moon to the Tree Commission Board to replace Amy Leonard. Council Member Moss seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to reappoint Rachel Peinhardt Dawsey to the Tree Commission 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 Moss made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.