

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 AT 7:03 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, July 15, 2024. Police Chief David Nassetta led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the invocation.

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 David Moss, Council Member Brad Smith, 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 24, 2024. Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from June 24, 2024, 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.) – Chairman Brad Smith shared that our public safety departments will be involved with the Rock the South music event next weekend.
2. Utilities (Water, Sewer, etc.) - Chairman David Moss reported that the water and sewer funds are operating better than budgeted for FY 2024.
3. Public Works (Street, Sanitation, etc.) - Chairman Johnny Cook – No report.
4. Tourism (Parks & Recreation, Airport, etc.) Chairman Clint Hollingsworth. Park Director Nathan Anderson shared that WildWater Water Park has already had a record-breaking year for attendance; and the Chamber of Commerce is doing a great job with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday events, which is also reporting greater attendance than previous years.
5. General Government (Finance, Economic Development, etc.) - Chairwoman Jenny Folsom reports a slight increase in revenues over last year and expenses are in line with budgeted amounts.

**REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Jacobs also gave an update on the City’s operations.

**COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA** - None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council President Folsom opened the public hearing at 7:09 pm for Ordinance No. 2024-20 to amend the sidewalk regulations in the city limits of Cullman, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. With no one wishing to speak for or against this ordinance, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 pm.

**REQUESTS, PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, AND OTHER** - None.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER**

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

**CITY OF CULLMAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 74**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cullman has received an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to construct improvements to Depot Park; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the scope of this project is to install a shade structure for improvements within the park; and

**THEREFORE**, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Cullman has solicited and received bids (PW2024-08) from contractors to provide and install the shade structure for the above referenced project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Cullman has reviewed the bids received and have determined **Great Southern Recreation** is the low bidder to provide and install the shade structure in support of this project; and

**THAT**, Woody Jacobs, Mayor, is authorized to enter a contract with Great Southern Recreation in the amount of **\$335,988** to provide and install the shade structure at Depot Park.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cullman City Council on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

SIGNED FOR THE CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL:

By: /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

Council President Pro Tem Cook seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

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

**CITY OF CULLMAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 75**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cullman has received an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to construct improvements to Depot Park; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the scope of this project is to install the landscaping and sprinkler system within the park; and

**THEREFORE**, in accordance with ARC regulations the City of Cullman has solicited and received bids (PW2024-07) from contractors to provide and install the landscaping and sprinkler system for the above referenced project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City of Cullman has reviewed the bids received and have determined **Bright Landscapes, LLC** the low bidder for landscape and sprinkler system in support of this project; and

**THAT**, Woody Jacobs, Mayor, is authorized to enter a contract with **Bright Landscapes, LLC** in the amount of **\$191,860**.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Cullman City Council on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

SIGNED FOR THE CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL:

By: /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -76  
TO AWARD BID FOR LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, bids (PW2024-08) were opened on July 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. for landscape and irrigation at the Omniplex Civic Center for the City of Cullman;

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder for landscape and irrigation is Bright Landscapes, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cullman City Council has evaluated the bids received and has determined that \$366,140, is the lowest responsible bidder.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cullman City Council that the bid for landscape and irrigation to Bright Landscapes, LLC.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/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 Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**CITY OF CULLMAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 77**

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> Steet SW, and Austin Avenue, SW.

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

**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 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of **\$500,000.00** to implement a Neighborhood Improvement Project on Logan Street, SW, 6<sup>th</sup> Steet SW, and Austin Avenue, SW.

**THAT, THE CITY OF CULLMAN** will provide a local cash match of at least **\$133,082.94** 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 15th day of July 2024.

**SIGNED FOR THE CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL:**

By: /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.

Council President Folsom held the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-19 to rezone property owned by Mary Elrod at 309 Olive Street SW from R-1 to B-2, which received a favorable recommendation form the Cullman Planning Commission. Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-19.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 19**

**AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN**

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

**Property Owner: Mary Elrod. Property Address: 309 Olive Street SW.**

**Legal Description: The east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 22, township 10, range 3 west, Cullman County, Alabama.**

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-1 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-1 Residential District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsised, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 24th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 15th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Council Member 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 Cook: Aye. Council President Folsom: Aye. Council Member Moss: Aye. Council Member Brad Smith: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye.

Council President Folsom held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-20 to amend the sidewalk regulations in the city limits of Cullman, which received a favorable recommendation from the Cullman Planning Commission.

Council President Folsom held the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-22 to annex property owned by Pioneer Land Acquisitions on County Road 770 into the city limits of Cullman as R-4 Residential District, which received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Council President Pro Tem Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 78**

**TO AMEND THE POSITION CONTROL FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, in the State of Alabama, that the position control detail is hereby amended, as approved and deemed necessary by the Mayor, and is incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2024 City Budget.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 15th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/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 Smith seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.