

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 25th, 2010

The Mayor and Council met in the Council Chamber at 6:45 pm following the meeting with the Economic Development Board. Mayor Townson and all Council Members were present. The Mayor and Council reviewed the 404 Permit requirements for the Duck River Dam Project with Mr. Dale Greer, Project Manager. Mr. Junior Heaton and Mr. Drew Nelson were present to discuss the proposed sewer extension at Phelan Road and US Hwy 31. An estimated cost of \$211,090 was made by Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC. No action was taken following any of the discussions. Wes Moore, Accountant and Attorney Roy Williams were present to answer any questions.

The Cullman City Council met in regular session on January 25th, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium. Council President Garlan Gudger called the meeting to order and Fire Chief Junior Reinhardt presented the invocation.

A roll call by the City Clerk reflected the following. Present - Mayor Max A. Townson, President Garlan E. Gudger, Jr, Council Member Andy Page, Council Member Johnny Cook, Council Member Jenny Folsom and Council Member Clint Hollingsworth. Also present were City Attorney Roy Williams and City Clerk Ruth W. Rose .

Council Member Cook made a motion to suspend the rules in order to consider the minutes from the meeting on January 11th, 2010. Council Member Page seconded the motion and motion carried on roll call vote. Council Member Page: Aye, Council Member Cook: Aye. Council President Gudger: Aye. Council Member Folsom: Aye. Council Member Hollingsworth: Aye. Nays: None.

Council Member Cook then moved to approve the minutes as written and Council Member Folsom seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All Nays: None.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Member Andy Page - Police Committee - No Report.

Council President Garlan Gudger - Fire Committee - No Report.

Council Member Johnny Cook - Sanitation Committee - No Report.

Council Member Clint Hollingsworth - Street Committee - No Report.

Council Member Jenny Folsom - Finance Committee - The City of Cullman along with other cities and counties across the United States have been affected by revenues being down and a high unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2010. The State of Alabama has around 11% unemployment rate and the City of Cullman is a little lower at around 9.9%. We have had a decline in revenues for October (down 10.3%), November (down 6%) and December (down 8.5%). This is an average of 8% for the first quarter of 2010. The City of Cullman depends very heavily on sales tax revenues. Last year the average was around 9% of a decrease. The department heads have made the budget balance by decreasing expenditures around 25% for this fiscal year. The excellent services provided to our citizens by our dedicated employees have not been decreased. The Street Department worked so well together during the winter weather storm this past week and our citizens noticed and appreciated the hard work. Hopefully the economy will improve and revenues will get back to normal but at this time everyone still needs to run a tight department. The City of Cullman has continued to make all debt service payments on time. There have not been any additions to the debt service, this is for past projects and completing the projects already started. We all appreciate the very positive speech made by Mayor Townson at the State of the City forum hosted by the Chamber of Commerce last Friday. Mayor Townson's excellent speech focused on the progress and positive improvements being made during these very tough economic times. The Mayor and Council Members want to keep everyone updated and informed as much as possible.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Max A. Townson - No Report.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS & COMMUNICATIONS

The Police Department made a request to purchase two 4X4 pickup trucks from the State of Alabama bid list. The total amount of \$38,298.00 would be paid from DARE Special Police Funds. Council Member Cook made a motion to approve the request and Council Member Page seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mr. Jeff Adams, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, requested to take bids on UV Bulbs and bearings. The estimated cost was \$40,000.00 for a one year supply. Council Member Folsom made a motion to get bids on this request. Council Member Page seconded the motion and request was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Mr. Ted Alverson, Chairman of the City of Cullman Personnel Board, made a request to change the monthly meeting date from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month. The time (9:00 am) and place (City Hall Conference Room) would remain the same. A present board member has a conflict with the date. Council Member Folsom made a motion to approve the request and Council Member Cook seconded the motion. The request was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The date change will take effect for the February 2010 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Cook made a motion to table the Park Board Member appointment until next meeting. Council Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. The Park Board Member appointment will be made on February 8th, 2010.

Council Member Cook made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. and Council Member Page seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.