

**CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
May 4th, 2011
1:00 P.M.**

Council President Garlan Gudger called the special Cullman City Council Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Police Chief Kenny Culpepper gave the invocation.

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

President Gudger thanked the city department heads and staff for working so hard and being united in getting organized so quickly.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to appropriate funds for the development of a media campaign to cover the recent tornado disaster for an estimated cost of \$10,000 and Council Member Page seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Member Andy Page - Police Committee - The Police Department Officers are operating on a 12 hour emergency shift with 25 officers on each shift. Chief Culpepper commented on the help from outside agencies such as the Alabama State Troopers and Army National Guard. The volunteers have helped with many extra jobs. He appreciates the help and cooperation from everyone.

Council President Garlan Gudger - Fire Committee - The command post has been set up on Second Avenue and third street is being utilized each day. Lights have been installed in the downtown area to help with security and looting. The Fire Department Employees are doing an excellent job distributing supplies. Chief Reinhardt stated buildings have been marked as checked and the department is continuing to work each day with volunteers. President Gudger asked the Commanders to continue with the daily meetings to keep everyone updated. Dale Greer, the Public Relations Director will continue to print a daily update sheet. Council Member Folsom stated she lives in the secured area and appreciates the efforts of the Police Officers and Fire Fighters who are making the residents feel safe in a very stressful situation.

Council Member Johnny Cook - Sanitation Committee- There is a great amount of trash to handle. The Sanitation Department Employees have worked long hard hours and are doing a fantastic job. The routine daily pick-ups were continued during this disaster, there have been no lapse in services to the citizens.

Council Member Clint Hollingsworth - Street Committee - The "consider it done" crew (Street Department) are working very hard to open the streets and clean the rights-of-way as soon as possible. All departments are working so well together. Cullman County have sent crews who have worked so hard in helping the city crews. There have been 1,272 loads of debris hauled off by these crews. Thanks to all departments, agencies and volunteers who have worked together as a team. The comradery of everyone is great.

Council Member Jenny Folsom - Finance Committee - No Report. Mayor Townson along with Peggy Smith are seeking all revenue sources.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Max A. Townson - Mayor Townson asked Rick Fulmer to update the group on the strategic plan of not pushing the debris into the streets after the streets are cleared. Dale Greer reported on the Corps of Engineers plans to segregate the piles of debris. The vegetation will be removed by the city crews. The building materials or contaminated materials need to be segregated from the vegetation debris. Mayor Townson reported on electrical transformers have been classified as hazardous. Mike Manning, Director of the Cullman Power Board, will have crews to pick up these transformers. Tom Charney, Risk Manager, spoke with ADEM and passed along the information on wetting down the loads of debris. Mr. Junior Heaton, Water Department Superintendent, added four new water connection locations for contractors to use to comply with ADEM. The Street Department Sign Shop made signs to identify the wetting locations. Tom Charney also reported on the students from Auburn who were volunteering to count the damaged homes and businesses. Peggy Smith, Economic Development Director, reported on discussion with the Corps of Engineers who are contracting with two large removal companies for debris only. The State of

Alabama will pay the entire 25% required to match the 75% Federal Funds for the first 30 days. The Department of Labor was allocated a ten million dollar supplement for the entire State of Alabama. Mayor Townson reported that 95% of electrical power has been restored to the City of Cullman residents. The Strawberry Festival has been cancelled. Relay for Life has been rescheduled for June 24, 2011. The Wings Over Cullman Air Show will now be a benefit or fund raiser for American Red Cross and will be held on May 21, 2011 as scheduled. Windjammer Cable Company are now working on the North and South lines. The West side may take a longer period to repair. Mayor Townson reported that the Face Book Page created on April 28th, 2011 now has over 2000 hits. There are two messages posted by the Mayor with updates of the recovery for residents. The volunteer program is now located at Sportsman Lake Park. American Red Cross is now located in building #1 at Sportsman Lake Park. Mr. Luther Strange, Attorney General for the State of Alabama, visited the damaged areas today. Mayor Townson asked him to replay the message in Montgomery for the many needs of Cullman County residents. Governor Bentley came to Cullman and stood on the Cullman County Courthouse steps in support for the City of Cullman and Cullman County. President Gudger asked Chris Chaffin, Fire Marshall to brief the group on fire regulations. There still remains a no burn order but people are cooking outside using small stone grills and this is permissible. The responding departments are doing an excellent job and everyone appreciates the cooperation.

COMMENTS FROM ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS & COMMUNICATIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Cook made a motion to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for liability insurance:

RESOLUTION 2011-94

RESOLUTION TO BIND 2011-2012 INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City took bids for three year insurance coverage for their property, public service, marine, liability, and other general coverages and

WHEREAS, Travelers Insurance through Smith-Gray Insurance was awarded coverage to be reviewed each year for up to three years; and the current insurance coverage will lapse as of May 15, 2011. Due to the storm damage and the emergency that exists within the City, the City has determined that it is advisable to bind insurance coverage for the third year.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by The City Council for the City of Cullman, Alabama that the current insurance policy with Travelers Insurance by and through Smith-Gray Insurance is hereby extended through May 2012. This resolution is effective immediately, following the approval and passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr.

President of City Council

ATTEST

/s/ Ruth W. Rose
City Clerk

Transmitted to the Mayor this the 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Ruth W. Rose
City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this the 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Max A. Townson
Mayor

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

President Gudger stated the next request was issued by an emergency need. The Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Adams made the request because of damaged equipment after the tornado hit on April 27th, 2011.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-95

**RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF
GORMAN-RUPP SUPER T10 GEAR BOX AT CULLMAN WWTP**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Council since the tornado on April 27th, 2011 leaving the City of Cullman in a state of emergency with no power; and

WHEREAS, the situation was unknown at the time of power restoration and the need to keep the City of Cullman Waste Water Treatment Plant running on schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman Employees can not perform work on damaged equipment of this type; and

WHEREAS, the dire needs of this piece of equipment is crucial and can cause other problems with the treatment plant if not handled properly;

WHEREAS the department superintendent, Mr. Jeff Adams recommend an immediate solution to purchase a new gorman-rupp t10 pump and 40 hp motor from Jim House & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$21,368 to keep the City of Cullman Waste Water Treatment Plant operating in a safe and orderly manner; and

IT IS the opinion of the Council that this F-4 Tornado which has suddenly and unexpectedly arisen requires speedy action in order to alleviate further damage to the lines and to minimize water line breakage and water interruption to its customers which would effect the public health, safety, and convenience.

THEREFORE, the Council resolves the purchase of the pump from Jim House & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$21,368.00 be approved.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr.
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Ruth W. Rose
City Clerk

APPROVED this the 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Max A. Townson
Mayor

Council Member Folsom seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

President Gudger asked Peggy Smith to comment on the next item on the agenda requesting a lease agreement for property located in Industrial park #4 (Hartwig Property). Mrs. Smith stated the request was no longer needed after discovering the property is still in the City of Cullman's name and not in the City of Cullman Industrial Board' name. Council Member Folsom made a motion to delete this request from the agenda and Council Member Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Mayor Townson stated the property had been flagged to prevent debris from being dumped into the wet lands that is a protected area. Dale Greer said the property is being protected and should be clear when all the debris is removed.

Council President Gudger stated the added item on the agenda of a video media campaign will be paid by the City of Cullman and Cullman County Commission for a total of \$20,000. Each entity contributing \$10,000 for the project. Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the request and Council Member Page seconded the motion. The request was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Council Member Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Page seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M. by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Ruth W. Rose, Cullman City Clerk

Garlan E. Gudger, Jr., President of Council