

CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

The Cullman City Council met in regular session on September 25, 2000 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium. Council President John Knight called the meeting to order.

Upon roll call by the clerk, those in attendance were: Alderman O.B. Parris. Alderman Marcus R. Clark, Alderman John Knight, Alderman Buford Lowry and Alderman Donald E. Green. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Jack Sides and City Clerk Lucille Galin.

President Knight recessed the meeting in order to hold a public hearing on rezoning the property owned by MTN, Ltd. From R-1 to B-2. Mr. Knight announced that council would hear first from anyone in favor of the rezoning, and then from those opposed to the rezoning.

Mr. Roy Williams, 416 First Avenue S.E. spoke for the rezoning on behalf of the property owners. He outlined plans for development of the property to be used for retail shopping. He stated that the shopping area would face away from the residential area adjacent to it; that there would be a buffer zone between it and any residences; that the entrance to the development would be off Olive Street; that lighting would face away from the residential area; that parking would be on the west side of the development; and that the development would be designed to be as compatible as possible with the neighborhood.

Mr. Dannie Speakman, 1928 Dialsdale Drive, stated he was opposed to the rezoning because this was a residential neighborhood and rezoning would not be beneficial to the residents. He mentioned traffic on Olive Street, cruising and crime as possible detriments to the neighbors.

Mr. Glenn Echols asked that if the rezoning passed, a good buffer zone be required of the property developers.

Ms. Sandy Eddy, 1933 Dialsdale Drive, stated she agreed with both Mr. Speakman and Mr. Echols.

Ms. Carolyn Clos, 1937 Dialsdale Drive, asked that a berm and trees be required of the developers.

Karie Sawyer, 1937 Dialsdale, stated she was opposed to the rezoning for the reasons already stated.

Ms. Donna Speakman, 1928 Dialsdale, stated she was opposed to the rezoning.

Mr. Garry Puckett stated he was in favor of the rezoning; however he was concerned about improvements to Olive Street and would like the rezoning put off until development of the road was resolved.

Ms. Donna Speakman stated they had a petition against the rezoning which she would like council to consider.

There being no further comments, President Knight declared the hearing closed, and reopened the meeting for the transaction of business.

Motion was made by Alderman Parris and seconded by Alderman Clark to suspend the rules in order to consider the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 11th and the special meeting of September 13th. Upon roll call the following voted Aye: Aldermen Parris, Clark, Knight, Lowry and Green. Nays: None.

Motion by Alderman Lowry to approve the minutes of the regular and special meetings. Motion seconded by Alderman Green and carried by voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman O.B. Parris, Police Committee, no report.

Alderman Marcus R. Clark, Fire Committee, reported that the committee had looked at three possible sites for a new fire station off Highway 157 and recommended to the next administration the property owned by Mr. Frank Hanson.

Alderman John Knight, Sanitation Committee, no report.

Alderman Buford Lowry, Street Committee, no report.

Alderman Donald E. Green, Finance Committee, no report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Jack Sides, no report.

. . . (Hearings omitted for space)

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

President Knight presented the ordinance to rezone the MTN property for second reading, and stated that action could be taken on the ordinance at this time.

Aft _____ out a buffer zone, motion was made by Alderman Parris to adopt the ordinance with the understanding that when the property is developed the planning commission should require a buffer consisting of an 8 foot solid fence and a burm with adequate trees, etc. to shield the development from the nearby residential area:

ORDINANCE NO. 1384