

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
MAY 4, 2004

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Regular Meeting on May 4, 2004, at 6:00 P.M., in the auditorium in City Hall at 505 East Three Notch Street. The roll was checked by City Clerk Pam Steele and those present and those absent were as follows:

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor  
Bridges, D. Anderson, Councilman  
Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman  
Andy Alexander, Councilman  
Jerry B. Andrews, Councilman  
Harry R. Hinson, Councilman  
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

None

Mayor Johnson presided at the meeting and called the meeting to order after which Councilman Hinson voiced the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MR. WALTER LEE WYTCH ADDRESSES CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PARKING ON 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE:

Mr. Walter Lee Wytch addressed the City Council regarding the placement of no parking signs in front of his mother's house, located at 942 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Wytch stated that his mother's driveway will only accommodate three vehicles, and this is not sufficient when his family gathers at her home. Mr. Wytch suggested that the no parking requirement only be effective during the hours school traffic to and from Andalusia Middle School ; from 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson stated that his suggestion will be reviewed as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM SERVICE IN IRAQ:

Mayor Johnson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following soldiers returning from military service in Iraq:

Specialist Willie J. Byrd, Jr.

Specialist Brett Collinsworth  
Specialist Robbie R. Dubose

# City of Andalusia



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

**WHEREAS**, Specialist Willie J. Byrd, Jr. was deployed in March 2003 to serve our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Mosul, Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist Willie J. Byrd, Jr. was called to duty by the Alabama Army National Guard HSC 877<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion of Hamilton, Alabama, to assist in security, construction and communication efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Specialist Willie J. Byrd, Jr. is an outstanding and dedicated soldier who deserves our recognition and appreciation for the sacrifice he has made for our freedom;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, is pleased to present this Certificate of Appreciation to Specialist Willie J. Byrd, Jr.

**WITNESS MY HAND** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

The Mayor and City Council expressed their thanks and appreciation for their service to all citizens of the United States of America.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman

Jones, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2004 as written.

**COUNCIL TABLES ACTION ON SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST:**

Mayor Johnson stated that the School Board made a funding request during the last City Council meeting and that he has discussed this with the School Superintendent on several occasions. The Mayor said the recent refunding of School Warrants generated approximately \$87,000 in savings for the School Board, and the School Superintendent did not take this into account when the initial funding request was made. The Mayor also said that the School Board has applied for several grants that would supply additional funds and should know whether they are approved prior to the next City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously voted to table action on the School Board's funding request until the next meeting.

**COUNCIL AUTHORIZES EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR COLEMAN CENTER POOL RENOVATIONS:**

Leisure Services Director Dwight Mikel stated that bids were solicited for equipment and materials for the Coleman Center Pool Renovations, partially funded by a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (LWCF) administered through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). Mr. Mikel said he obtained quotes from several vendors for the equipment, but ADECA recommended that bids be obtained to ensure that purchases made from any one vendor did not exceed \$7,500, as stipulated in LWCF program regulations. Mr. Mikel recapped the bids opened on April 30, 2004 as follows:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Recreation Supply Co.	Filter	\$6,650.00
	Pump	\$2,995.00
	Slide	\$ 623.00
	Ladders	\$1,095.00
	Lifeguard Stand	No Bid
RenoSys Corporation	Filter	\$7,495.00
	Pump	\$2,950.00
	Slide	\$ 565.00
	Ladders	\$1,298.00
	Lifeguard Stand	\$2,175.00
Swim and Trim	Filter	\$6,895.04
	Pump	\$3,832.00
	Slide	\$ 882.25
	Ladders	\$1,977.68
	Lifeguard Stand	\$2,083.00

Mayor Johnson introduced Resolution No. 2004-10 for consideration as follows:

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-10**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia has received a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for a Land and Water Conservation Fund project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will be referred to as the Coleman Park and Pool Renovation project, grant number 01-LW-01-762; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia plans to purchase equipment/materials for pool renovations for the Coleman project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia did solicit quotes and legally advertise and conduct a bid opening in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local regulations regarding bidding and contracting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leisure Services Director has conducted a comprehensive review of all bids and quotes for the equipment necessary for the Coleman Pool renovations and has made the following recommendation:

1. Pool Filter - Reject all bids and accept the quote of \$5,632.00 from Brock Enterprises.
2. Pump - Reject all bids and accept the quote of \$2,667.98 from WMS Aquatic Specialist.
3. Slide - Accept the low bid from RenoSys Corporation in the amount of \$565.00.
4. Ladders - Accept the low bid from Recreation Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,095.00.
5. Lifeguard Stands - Reject all bids and accept the low quote from Water Warehouse in the amount of \$1,923.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, hereby accepts the recommendations of the Leisure Services Director and authorizes the purchase of Coleman Pool equipment as outlined herein.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pam Steele, City Clerk**

A motion was then made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2004-10 as presented.

**COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO EXECUTE ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR JOHNSON SKATE PARK LWCF PROJECT:**

Mayor Johnson stated that in the March 2, 2004 Regular Council Meeting, the City Council accepted the proposal from Polyengineering, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the Johnson Skate Park Project, partially funded with a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (#03-LW-814). The Mayor said the Director of Leisure Services has negotiated a contract between the City and Polyengineering and recommends the City Council authorize the execution of the contract so work may begin on the project.

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Johnson to execute the engineering contract for the Johnson Skate Park Project.

**COUNCIL HEARS REPORT ON AUDIT OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE RECORDS:**

Mayor Johnson reported that in December 2003, the Office of the Inspector General conducted an audit of disaster assistance records for the 1998 Flood (FEMA 1208-DR). He said the OIG reviewed procurement and bidding procedures, construction records, time sheets, and associated project and financial records for compliance with FEMA requirements. The Mayor said the OIG determined that the City accounted for and used FEMA funds according to federal regulations.

Mayor Johnson and the City Council commended City Clerk Pam Steele and her staff for this excellent report.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD VACANCIES:**

Mayor Johnson announced the following upcoming Board vacancies:

Board of Zoning Adjustments - 2 vacancies

Recreation Board - 1 vacancy

Community Enhancement Committee - 2 vacancies

The Mayor and City Council urged anyone who is interested in serving as a member of one of these Boards to contact the City Clerk's Office.

**COUNCIL DECLARES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLE SURPLUS:**

Mayor Johnson introduced Resolution No. 2004-11 for consideration as follows:

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION 2004-11**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia, Alabama has inventoried its equipment/vehicles and found the following vehicle to be unneeded for public municipal purposes:

1986 Ford F800 Truck                      Unit #S-22  
VIN: 1FDYK84N3GVA35190

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that said equipment listed above is no longer needed for public municipal purposes, and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of said surplus property.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pam Steele, City Clerk**

A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2004-11 as presented.

**COUNCIL APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF ANIMAL TRAPS:**

Mayor Johnson stated that the Chief of Police recently requested an appropriation from the contingency fund for the purchase of animal traps. The Mayor said the Chief reports a tremendous increase in the number of citizen complaints relating to animals and the purchase of additional traps will enhance the Animal Control Department's ability to respond to these complaints. The Mayor said an appropriation of \$1,256 will fund the purchase of 8 cat traps, 4 dog traps, and 2 capture sticks.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to appropriate \$1,256 from the contingency fund for the purchase of animal traps and capture sticks.

**COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF CONSULTANT TO AID IN THE UPDATING OF ORDINANCES TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Mayor Johnson stated that some City Ordinances should be updated in

order to support the Comprehensive Plan. He requested the City Council authorize him to obtain the services of a consultant/expert to aid us in updating our Ordinances, to include Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, to support our Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Andrews, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Johnson to obtain the services of a consultant for the purpose of updating City Ordinances to support the Comprehensive Plan.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FY 2004 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT FOR THE CHURCH STREET SCHOOL BUILDING:**

Dr. Steve Hubbard, a member of the Lower Alabama Arts Coalition, addressed the City Council to report on his group's activities and to request the City Council sponsor the application for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant through the "Save America's Treasures" Program, administered by the National Park Service. Dr. Hubbard stated that his group is one of many interested in renovating the Church Street School Building to be used as a regional arts center. He stated that a feasibility study was conducted on several buildings in the community, and supports the selection of the Church Street School Building as the best location to house the arts center. Dr. Hubbard stated that his group has located a Historic Preservation Grant that would fund up to 50% of the cost of the renovations, and his group will raise the matching funds required.

Mayor Johnson stated that the grant application must be filed by May 19, 2004, and introduced Resolution No. 2004-12 for consideration as follows:

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-12**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia recognizes that Church Street School is a pivotal historic resource in our City, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia realizes that the Church Street School is in a state of decline and measures must be taken to extend its life as an historic resource in our city, and

**WHEREAS**, there is need for an Art Center and that there is broad community support for such an Arts Center, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Alabama Arts Coalition has employed an architect to conduct a feasibility study for developing an Arts Center in Andalusia and concluded that, out of four buildings studied, that Church Street School is best suited for reuse as an Arts Center, and

**WHEREAS**, that Preserve America, under the leadership of First Lady

Laura Bush, makes grants through the Save America's Treasures Program for the restoration of historic structures, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia desires to apply for a grant from Save America's Treasures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Alabama Arts Coalition has committed to raising the matching funds for this grant, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Andalusia, that

1. An application be prepared for submission to the Save America's Treasures Program;
2. That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign all documents necessary for such application.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:**

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**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pam Steele, City Clerk**

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2004-12 as presented.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD:**

Mayor Johnson announced that the City of Andalusia will receive the Silver Risk Management Award at the 2004 Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities.

City Clerk Pam Steele said the award recognizes cities who have instituted risk management and loss control activities in an effort to reduce their insurance losses.

The Mayor and City Council commended all City employees for their efforts that contributed to the success of the City's risk management efforts.

**COUNCIL HEARS REPORT ON EVANS BARNES GOLF COURSE:**

Leisure Services Director Dwight Mikel reported on the status of the

Evans Barnes Golf Course. Mr. Mikel reviewed improvements made to the Course as follows:

**2002/2003 Improvements**

Renovated driving range  
Computerized golf sales  
Installed complete irrigation system  
Obtained all new turf maintenance equipment  
Tree surgery completed on entire course  
Renovated greens on holes 1, 2 and 3  
Constructed tees on holes 3, 5 and 9  
Installed drainage on #5 fairway  
Renovated sand traps on holes 1 and 8

**2003/2004 Improvements**

Reclaimed sand trap on hole 9  
Constructed new equipment storage building  
New tee constructed on hole 9  
Initiated course beautification program  
Expanded practice green area

**Proposed 2004 Improvements**

Reclaim sand traps on practice green and hole 2  
Construction of 6 new tees  
Drainage on hole 9 fairway  
Continued drainage work on #5 fairway  
Continued aggressive turf quality program

Mayor Johnson and the City Council commended Mr. Mikel and his staff for their hard work in improving the Evans Barnes Golf Course.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF HUBERT HUGHES:**

Mayor Johnson announced that Fire Chief Hubert Hughes will retire effective August 1, 2004 after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. The Mayor said Chief Hughes will utilize accumulated leave until August. The Mayor and City Council congratulated Chief Hughes and extended their sincere appreciation for his years of service to the City of Andalusia.

The Mayor also stated that Lt. Ethan Dorsey has been appointed to serve as Interim Fire Chief until October 2004, when the new City administration takes office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Steele, City Clerk