

PAGE ONE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
JANUARY 6, 2004

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Regular Meeting on January 6, 2004, at 6:00 P.M., in Council Chambers in City Hall. 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
Harry R. Hinson, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

Jerry B. Andrews, Jr., Councilman

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

DR. PHILIP HARDEE ADDRESSES COUNCIL REGARDING ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL STATE RODEO FINALS:

Dr. Philip Hardee addressed the City Council regarding the Alabama High School State Rodeo Finals to be held at the Covington Arena in June 2004. During his address, Dr. Hardee stated that the event will bring hundreds of participants and their families into Andalusia which will benefit the city and many local businesses. Dr. Hardee thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the event.

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 December 16, 2003, and the adjourned meeting of December 23, 2003 as written.

MAYOR REPORTS ON MOVE TO NEW CITY HALL:

Mayor Johnson reported that employees are completing the move to the new City Hall complex located at the old East Three Notch School. The Mayor said this is the last City Council that will be held in the current City Hall building, where the City Council has met since 1947. The next meeting will be held in the new facility. He also said City offices will be closed on Thursday afternoon, January 8, and Friday, January 9, 2004 to complete the move. He said the Utility Department will remain open to allow citizens to pay utility bills, etc.

Mayor Johnson also reported that an Open House will be held Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2004, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and invited everyone to come and tour the new facility.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES CLAIM FILED BY WILLIAM O. CATRETT, JR.:

Mayor Johnson reported that Mr. William O. Catrett, Jr. recently filed a claim against the City of Andalusia regarding the non-renewal of his contract to manage the Evans Barnes Golf Course. No action was taken.

COUNCIL APPROVES TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE IDLE HOUR:

Mayor Johnson stated that Mr. Jerry D. Newton has applied for a Lounge Retail Liquor License transfer for The Idle Hour located at 1513 Antioch Road. The Mayor reported that the Police Chief indicates no problem with the transfer of the license.

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously voted to approve the transfer of the Lounge Retail Liquor License for The Idle Hour located at 1513 Antioch Road.

COUNCIL APPROVES RENEWAL OF GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY, PROPERTY, AND VEHICLE INSURANCE COVERAGE:

City Clerk Pam Steele stated that the City's current general comprehensive liability, property, and vehicle insurance coverage will expire on January 12, 2004. She said the current insurance carrier, Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC), quoted a renewal rate for a one year policy and a three year policy as follows:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>One Year Premium</u>	<u>Three Year Premium</u>
Property	\$58,858	\$57,704
Equipment Breakdown	5,885	5,770
Earthquake	1,709	1,675
Crime	1,168	1,145
Inland Marine	9,014	8,837

Comprehensive General Liability	46,549	45,636
Police Liability	12,432	12,188
Public Officials E & O	17,171	16,834
Employee Benefits	700	686
Additional Liability Limits	3,750	3,750
Automobile Fleet	<u>70,473</u>	<u>69,072</u>
Total	\$227,689	\$223,297

Mrs. Steele stated that the three year premium is approximately \$4,400 less than the one year premium and locks in the current premium for a three year period. Mrs. Steele said this quote is approximately 6% more than the prior three year period, but this is primarily due to the acquisition of additional property and equipment.

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to accept the three-year quote from AMIC for the City's general comprehensive liability, property, and vehicle insurance coverage.

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JOHNSON SKATE PARK LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROJECT:

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Clerk and Director of Leisure Services to request proposals for engineering services for the Johnson Skate Park Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Project.

COUNCIL HEARS REPORT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION:

Mr. Dwight Mikel, Director of Leisure Services, reported on the success of the New Year's Eve Celebration held at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds on Highway 55 South.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

**BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk