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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
AUGUST 17, 2004

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Regular Meeting on August 17, 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 Anderson voiced the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COUNCIL HEARS REPORT FROM REVEREND STEVE DAHONEY REGARDING ACTS OF KINDNESS:

Reverend Steve Dahoney addressed the City Council to report on the activities of his organization, Acts of Kindness. Rev. Dahoney stated that the goal of Acts of Kindness is to aid those people in need throughout the community. He said their organization has distributed over 4,000 tons of food and clothing over the past eight years and has initiated a fatherhood initiative program. He said they also sponsor drug prevention programs and activities for teens and is currently enjoying a surge in attendance at the "Friday Night Live" weekly teen program. Rev. Dahoney also reviewed their plans for the future including new programs they plan to initiate. Rev. Dahoney thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to present this report to inform the citizens of Andalusia about their activities.

Mayor Johnson and the City Council thanked Rev. Dahoney and the other members of his organization for the wonderful impact Acts of Kindness has on the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman

Andrews, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2004 Regular Council Meeting as written.

MAYOR REPORTS ON FY 2005 BUDGET:

Mayor Johnson reported that he is working on the FY 2005 Budget and is currently revising the proposed budget to include a 3 to 5 per cent cost of living adjustment for employees. The Mayor said he hoped to have this completed by the next City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL PRESENTS RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MRS. LUCY TAYLOR:

Mayor Johnson stated that Mrs. Lucy Taylor recently retired from service on the Andalusia Library Board after eight years. The Mayor commended Mrs. Taylor for her dedicated service to the Andalusia Public Library and the citizens of Andalusia. The Mayor read the following Resolution and presented it for the Council's consideration:

City of Andalusia



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-25

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lucy Taylor has served as a member of the City of Andalusia Library Board for eight years with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor's special talents and expertise in this field have been an invaluable asset to our community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor retired from the Andalusia Library Board on 6th day of July, 2004, and her service to the City and its citizens is deserving of special recognition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, on behalf of all the citizens of Andalusia, that we do hereby express to Mrs. Lucy Taylor our sincere appreciation and commend her for her exemplary community spirit as a member of the Library Board for the City of Andalusia.

WITNESS MY HAND this 17th day of August, 2004.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-25 commending Mrs. Taylor for her valuable service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones, and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously approved. Mayor Johnson presented the Resolution to Mrs. Taylor and expressed the City's appreciation for her excellent service.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION FIXING COST OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE LOCATED AT 112 BARRON STREET:

Mayor Johnson stated that the City Clerk has prepared a report outlining the costs incurred by the City of Andalusia to abate the nuisance located at 112 Barron Street. He reviewed the report as follows:

**REPORT
COST OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTY**

TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Pam Steele, City Clerk

DATE: August 13, 2004

In accordance with the provisions of State of Alabama Act No. 94-540 adopted by the City of Andalusia, the following is a recapitulation of the actual cost of abatement of the nuisance property located at 112 Barron Street:

Parcel #23-13-4-18-4-002-008-000
Owner: Alda Bradley – c/o Tim Smith
Description: 112 Barron Street

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| Lot Cleaning Costs: | \$200.00 |
| Administrative Expense: | \$50.00 |
| Total Cost of Abatement: | \$250.00 |

The property owner has been notified that the Council will fix the cost of abatement in the Council Meeting of August 17, 2004. A proposed Resolution is attached confirming the costs outlined in this report.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Mayor Johnson then introduced Resolution No. 2004-26 for consideration as follows:

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-26

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia, Alabama, adopted the provisions of State of Alabama Act 94-540 by Ordinance No. 1994-7 which provides for the abatement of nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required to confirm the costs the City of Andalusia has incurred in the abatement of nuisance properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia has incurred costs in the abatement of a nuisance located at 112 Barron Street described as Parcel 23-13-4-18-4-002-008-000; and

WHEREAS, the cost of abatement of specific properties has been outlined by the City Clerk in a report dated August 13, 2004; now

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia that the actual cost of abatement of the aforementioned property is as follows:

Parcel #23-13-4-18-4-002-008-000
Owner: Alda Bradley, c/o Tim Smith
Description: 112 Barron Street
Actual Cost of Abatement: \$250.00

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2004.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2004-26 as introduced to affix the cost of abatement of the nuisance at 112 Barron Street at \$250.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS LURLEEN B. WALLACE RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION FOR REHABILITATION OF WALKING TRAIL:

Mayor Johnson stated that Dr. Ed Meadows, President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, recently requested the City of Andalusia consider supporting the College's application for a Recreation Trails Grant. The Mayor said the grant will be used to rehabilitate the existing walking trail located on the LBW campus. He said the proposed \$80,000 grant will require a \$20,000 local match that could be shared by LBW, the County Commission, and the City of Andalusia. He said the local match may be in cash or in-kind services. The Mayor stated that the walking trail is heavily used by citizens of the City of Andalusia and requested the City Council consider pledging \$7,000 in cash or in-kind services toward the local match should the grant be funded.

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to pledge \$7,000 in cash or in-kind services toward the local match should the Recreational Trails Grant be funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY GRANT:

Mayor Johnson stated that the Airport Authority will be applying for grants to fund capital improvements in the near future and will need certain documents completed by the City of Andalusia. The Mayor said the City of Andalusia, along with the Covington County Commission and the City of Opp, is a co-sponsor of a \$140,277 grant application which will provide funds to hire professional engineering and consulting firms to prepare for the major grant application. The Mayor said this grant only requires a 5% local match.

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to authorize Mayor Johnson to execute documents associated with the Airport Authority grant.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMEND PARTICIPANTS IN 2004 BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT:

Mayor Johnson and the City Council stated that Andalusia recently hosted the 2004 Babe Ruth 14 Year Old Southeast Regional Baseball Tournament. The Mayor commended Leisure Services Director Dwight Mikel and all city staff, volunteers, local merchants, host families, civic clubs, LBW College, and all the local citizens whose contributions made the Tournament such a success.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES VOTING MACHINE TESTING:

Mayor Johnson announced that the electronic voting machines to be used in the upcoming Municipal Elections will be tested at 10:30 a.m.,

Friday, August 20, 2004, at the Kiwanis Community Center on the Southern By-Pass.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION:

Mayor Johnson stated that the 2004 Municipal General Election will be held on August 24, 2004 at the Kiwanis Community Center on the Southern By-Pass. He said the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO TOUR RENOVATED POLICE AND COURT DEPARTMENTS:

Mayor Johnson stated that he and the City Council will tour the newly renovated Police and Court Departments located in the old City Hall on Opp Avenue.

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:

Pam Steele, City Clerk