

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 21, 2004

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, at 6:00 P.M., in the auditorium in City Hall at 505 East Three Notch Street. The roll was checked by Administrative Assistant Deborah Spivey and those present and those absent were as follows:

PRESENT:

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor
Bridges, D. Anderson, Councilman
Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman
Andy Alexander, Councilman
Don Cotton, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

Terry Powell, Councilman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2004 Regular Meeting, and the December 15, 2004 Special Meeting as written.

COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF SEWER DRAIN CHECK VALVES:

Mayor Andrews stated that a proposed Ordinance to amend the City's Building Codes to require the installation of sewer drain check valves was held in the last regular meeting. He explained that the check valves do not allow sewage from the City's line to back up into a private business or residence. There was a brief discussion in which it was suggested that the Ordinance be amended to include the provision that it will only apply to new or reconstructed sewer lines.

Mayor Andrews presented Ordinance No. 2004-8 for consideration as follows:

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-8

*An Ordinance to amend the Andalusia City Code
to require the installation of sewer drain check valves*

SECTION I.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama that **Section 14-24 (f)** of the Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-24. Building sewers and connections

(f) The size, slope, alignment, material of construction of a building sewer and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing codes and other applicable rules and regulations of the City. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the most current version of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. Manual of Practices shall apply. Sewer drain check valves (backflow preventers) shall be installed in all new or reconstructed residential, commercial and industrial connections. The valve must be placed in the branch of the building drain that receives the discharge from fixtures located within such branch and shall be located below ground. All bearing parts of check valves (backflow preventers) shall be of corrosion-resistant material and be so constructed as to provide a mechanical seal against backflow. These valves, when fully opened, shall have a capacity not less than that of the pipes in which they are installed. Valves shall be installed so that access is provided to the working parts for service and repair.

SECTION II.

If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the part(s) remaining.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2004.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Cotton, and unanimously voted to approve Ordinance No. 2004-8 as presented.

COUNCIL TABLES ACTION ON PARTICIPATION IN SMALL CITY ID PROGRAM:

Mayor Andrews stated that the City Council has discussed participation in the Small City ID Program as a way to attract industry and commercial employers to the Andalusia area through the recruitment of additional restaurants and other retail businesses. The Mayor said that the City Council has discussed participation in the program, but feels we need additional information.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously voted to table action on participation in the Small City ID Program until more information may be obtained.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MRS. JEAN BISHOP TO LIBRARY BOARD:

Mayor Andrews stated that Mrs. Jean Bishop was previously appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Lucy Taylor on the Andalusia Public Library Board. The Mayor said this term has now expired and the Library Board has recommended that Mrs. Jean Bishop be appointed to serve a four-year term on the Library Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Cotton, and unanimously voted to appoint Mrs. Jean Bishop to the Andalusia Public Library Board for a four-year term to expire on November 1, 2008.

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO EXECUTE MUNICIPAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Mayor Andrews stated that it is time to renew our workers' compensation fund contract for the policy year February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006. Mayor Andrews introduced Resolution No. 2004-45 to authorize him to execute the Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund (MWCF) contract renewal as follows:

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-45

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia, a municipal entity, desires to participate in the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. for the purpose of being insured for workers compensation risk; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia hereby joins the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. for the purpose of obtaining workers compensation insurance coverage and authorizes Jerry B. Andrews, as Mayor, to sign such documents as necessary to complete said coverage.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2004.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY:

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 2004-45 authorizing Mayor Andrews to execute the MWCF contract renewal.

COUNCIL APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE:

Mayor Andrews stated that the City Council accepted bids and authorized the purchase of an administrative vehicle with the Utilities Board paying one-half the cost of said vehicle. The Mayor said the vehicle was originally financed through Ford Motor Credit Company to receive a \$6,000 rebate on the vehicle. The Mayor said there was no penalty for early pay-off, so the vehicle has been paid for. He asked the City Council if they would like to appropriate one-half the cost of the vehicle from the contingency fund or if they would like to finance it through a local bank.

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jones, and unanimously voted to appropriate \$11,230.82 from the contingency fund to pay one-half the cost of the Administrative Vehicle previously authorized.

COUNCIL APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR RETIREE RELOCATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Cotton stated that he has met with the Retiree Relocation Committee several times to address the goals of the Committee and ways to attract retirees to the Andalusia area. Councilman Cotton stated that there is an annual expo sponsored by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) held in Gulf Shores to provide communities with a way to present information and distribute materials promoting their area. Mr. Cotton stated that the Committee members would like to rent a booth at the expo and develop literature and other materials to distribute to those attending the expo. Mr. Cotton stated that members of the committee have participated in this expo in previous years and feel it will be very helpful in attracting retirees to our area. Mr. Cotton requested that the City Council authorize the Committee to spend \$500 to attend the expo and develop literature and other materials for distribution.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted to appropriate \$500 for the Retiree Relocation Committee to attend the annual ADECA expo and development of literature and other materials promoting the Andalusia area.

COUNCIL APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF BACKHOE FROM THE UTILITIES BOARD:

Mayor Andrews stated that Director of Leisure Services Dwight Mikel has a need to replace a backhoe in his department. The Mayor said the Utilities Board recently authorized the purchase of a new backhoe for the Water Department, leaving two existing backhoes available for surplus. The Mayor said Mr. Mikel has requested that he be allowed to purchase one of the existing backhoes (Unit U-57 - Ford Backhoe/Loader) for use in his department. The Mayor said the Utilities Board will make this backhoe available to the City for \$7,500, the amount offered for trade-in.

A motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously voted to appropriate \$7,500 from the contingency fund for the purchase of a Ford backhoe/loader from the Utilities Board.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Mayor Andrews announced the 2004 Holiday Schedule as follows:

City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2004, with Friday garbage routes being picked up with Monday's route.

City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2004, with Friday garbage routes being picked up with Monday's route.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Andrews stated that although this administration has only been in office a few months, it has been a pleasure to serve with the members of the City Council.

Mayor Andrews stated that Councilman Terry Powell's father is very ill and asked everyone to keep him and his family in their thoughts and

prayers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, and upon the motion being made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Steele, City Clerk

Deborah Spivey, Admin. Asst.