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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
JUNE 7, 2005

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, convened in a Regular Council Meeting on June 7, 2005, at 6:00 P.M., in the auditorium in City Hall at 505 East Three Notch Street. The roll was checked by City Clerk John Thompson 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
Terry Powell, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes from the previous regular council meeting of May 17, 2005, and the special meeting of May 19, 2005 be approved. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES PROVISION TO THE CITY'S LICENSE SCHEDULE:

Mayor Andrews stated that Ordinance No. 2005-4, adding a provision to the city's license schedule which would include a TV station fee, had first reading at the last council meeting.

The Mayor then introduced Ordinance 2005-4 for consideration as follows:

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ORDINANCE 2005-4

An Ordinance to Amend the License Schedule for the City of Andalusia, Alabama

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that Ordinance No. 1986-12, adopted December 18, 1986, outlining the license schedule for the City of Andalusia be amended as follows:

Section I. It is hereby established and declared that the following license category be added to the license schedule adopted by Ordinance No. 1986-12:

TV Station.....\$190.00

Section II. In all other respects Ordinance No. 1986-12, as previously adopted and amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of June, 2005.

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BY:


Jeffrey B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:


John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilman Anderson moved that Ordinance 2005-4 be approved. Councilman Cotton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR REPORTS ON COMPLETION OF CLIENT LOGIC (SERVICE ZONE) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews reported that the City of Andalusia, the Covington County Commission, and the City of Opp, through the Covington County Economic Development Commission, had worked together to develop the site for Client Logic, formally Service Zone. Councilman Cotton moved to complete the project by allocating \$46,130.65 from the contingency fund. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MAYOR ASKS COUNCIL FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF AIRPORT AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS:

Mayor Andrews asked the council to give him authority to sign a grant application on behalf of the Andalusia-Opp Airport Authority, along with the City of Opp and the Covington County Commission. Councilman Powell moved to give the mayor such authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved by the council unanimously.

MAYOR REPORTS ON JOHNSON SKATE PARK:

Mayor Andrews reported that after rejecting recent bids and reworking the Johnson Skate Park plans, which would be supplemented by a matching grant from the state, Leisure Services Director, Dwight Mikel, returned to the council with a recommendation. Councilman Jones moved that the lowest bid for the lighting and electrical components of the park, Wade Jones (Utility Power), and Skatewave, the lowest bid for the skate apparatus, be approved. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which the council passed unanimously. Councilman Jones motioned that Director Mikel proceed with the skate park project with a total cost cap of \$96,278. Councilman Alexander seconded that motion and the council approved it unanimously. Finally Councilman Jones moved that the project be supplemented by a \$12,000 appropriation from the contingency fund.

Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which the council approved unanimously. Director Mikel then reported that the project had a deadline of August 20, 2005, which would necessitate work beginning soon. Director Mikel and his staff were commended for their diligence in bringing the project in under earlier estimates.

COUNCIL HEARS REPORT FROM PAUL DARNELL, OF DMD ENGINEERS:

Mayor Andrews reported that during the workshop the council heard a report from Paul Darnell, of DMD Engineers, who told of the grant application process with regard to the water/sewer project to the airport.

COUNCIL HEARS REPORT FROM DANIEL WELLS CONCERNING ALDOT TE GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews said that Daniel Wells, of CDG Engineers, reported to the council about the TE Grant Project on Church Street during the workshop session. Councilman Powell moved that the project go forward to the bid stage. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, which the council approved unanimously.

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COUNCIL AUTHORIZES PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JIM HOGG TO SOLICIT BIDS:

Council Alexander moved to authorize Public Works Director Jim Hogg to solicit bids for a new street sweeper and a landscaping tractor. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which the council passed unanimously.

COUNCIL HEARS FROM FIRE CHIEF ETHAN DORSEY:

Mayor Andrews reported that Fire Chief Dorsey had recently made an inspection of a used ladder truck for the fire department. Councilman Cotton moved that the council authorize Chief Dorsey to secure bids for a ladder truck. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, which the council passed unanimously.

Mayor Andrews added that the department needed a new computer to meet current needs. Councilman Anderson moved to appropriate \$1,256.12 from the contingency fund to secure a new computer for the fire department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which passed the council unanimously.

MAYOR REPORTS ON RESCUE SQUAD ROTATION:

Mayor Andrews reported that the council discussed rescue squad rotation during the workshop, but did not reach a decision. He said the issue would be revisited at a later date. Councilman Anderson said that the mayor should make a decision regarding ambulance rotation regarding city departments.

COUNCIL REPORTS ON STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING:

Councilman Jones commented that the council had held a strategic planning session earlier during an extended workshop. He said that the council had pooled their ideas with department heads and brainstormed to create a combined list. Mayor Andrews said that in conjunction with strategic planning, there would be a joint planning commission-council meeting at the regular planning commission meeting on Thursday, June 09, 2005, at 5:15. The commission would be reviewing the comprehensive plan for the city and would like councilpersons to have input in the process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Mayor Andrews reported that the city attorney gave the council an update on the Wal-Mart development agreement during the workshop.
- 2) Mayor Andrews reported that the Andalusia City Council had attended the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention in Huntsville in May. He commented on the variety of educational workshops and roundtable discussions that the council attended and noted the value of the experience.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: Jerry B. Andrews
JERRY B. ANDREWS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson
JOHN M. THOMPSON, CITY CLERK