

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 15, 2005

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

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:

None

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met for a work session in room 340 at city hall for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda for the regular meeting.

The council heard from Willie Locke and other members of the First Baptist Church, Whatley Street, about drainage problems near the church.

The council also heard a report from Tim Ramsden concerning River Falls Street and a traffic study.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Jones moved that the minutes from the previous regular council meeting of November 1, 2005, be approved subject to a correction identified during the work session. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MICHAEL HOLLOWAY TO THE ANDALUSIA-OPP AIRPORT AUTHORITY:

After an update from Mayor Andrews concerning board and committee applications and appointments, Councilman Alexander moved that Michael Holloway be reappointed to the Andalusia-Opp Airport Authority. Councilman Powell seconded the appointment, which passed unanimously. Councilman Anderson moved that all other board and committee appointments be tabled pending further review. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES TO PAY FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND THE PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR THE ANDALUSIA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Andrews announced that Police Chief Williams had requested \$6300.00 for the purchase of twelve bulletproof vests. One-half of the cost or \$3150.00 would be reimbursed to the department by the U.S. Justice Department. Councilman Cotton moved to allocate \$6300.00 from contingency to pay for the vests. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Andrews made announcements concerning citizens' placing trash in city streets, First Baptist Church, Whatley Street' drainage problems, River Falls Street revitalization, a traffic study, and transportation enhancement projects including Church Street.

2. Councilman Jones thanked the utility board and city department heads who assisted in the installation of the new caution lights at the Andalusia Elementary School.

3. Councilman Jones also thanked everyone for the improvement of the appearance of the square.

4. Mayor Andrews announced that the Covington County Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade were a great success. He commented on the coordination of various organizations including the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce and representatives from Ft. Rucker.

5. Councilman Anderson announced that he was concerned about a prolific drug problem in District One, particularly on Eighth Avenue. He asked the mayor and council to help find a solution to the problem. He added that he hoped that the whole community would come together to offer solutions and help solve a long-running problem.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk**