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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

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 in room 340 at city hall for a work session for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

In addition to items on the agenda, the council heard from Engineer Tim Ramsden about future transportation enhancement grant opportunities, Director of Public Works Jim Hogg concerning street resurfacing, and Fire Chief Ethan Dorsey about fire department responses outside of the Andalusia City Limits.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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ABSENT:

None

The Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Councilman Cotton led the prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of the September 5, 2006, regular council meeting, and the September 12, 2006, special council meeting, be approved. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR UPDATES COUNCIL ON ANNEXATION EFFORTS:

Mayor Andrews said that there were several items on the agenda relating to the City of Andalusia's efforts at annexation that were not ready to be presented to the council. He added that the council would review these items at a later date.

COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION NO. 2006-19 UNTIL NEW BUDGET IS ADOPTED:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with Resolution No. 2006 - 19 continuing city financial operations under the current budget until a new one is adopted.

CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-19

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama has not finalized and adopted a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Treasurer must have authorization to pay expenditures involved in the continued operations of all City functions; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the City of Andalusia will continue to operate on the budget as adopted for the Fiscal year ended on September 30, 2006, and that the Mayor and City Treasurer are authorized to pay such City expenditures according to the guidelines of said budget.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2006.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilman Powell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006 - 19. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR CHURCH STREET PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a cost estimate of \$23,586 for lighting for the Church Street Project. Councilman Cotton moved to approve the purchase of lighting equipment for Church Street with proceeds from contingency. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL DECLARES THREE POLICE VEHICLES SURPLUS:

Mayor Andrews announced that there were three vehicles that the Police Department wished to declare surplus. Councilman Jones moved to declare a 1991 Jeep Cherokee, a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 2001 Chevrolet Impala, surplus. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL SEEKS OPINION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION JURISDICTION:

Mayor Andrews announced that after hearing a report from Fire Chief Dorsey, concerning fire protection in the police jurisdiction, during the work session, the council had decided to seek an attorney general's opinion on the matter. Councilman Alexander moved to instruct the city clerk to seek an attorney general's opinion as to whether the City of Andalusia can withhold fire and police protection from its entire police jurisdiction, when it has historically provided fire protection in a portion of the jurisdiction, and has provided police protection in the entire jurisdiction and what procedure, if any, may be required once the city makes the decision to discontinue these services. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews reviewed a presentation by Engineer Tim Ramsden, during the work session, where he outlined a transportation enhancement project near the Andalusia Middle School. The mayor said that the project would include a sidewalk along Eighth Avenue to the Middle School and a green way connecting the Coleman Center to the Middle School. Councilman Anderson moved to participate in the Transportation Enhancement Program and to authorize the mayor to begin the application process. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Andrews announced that Public Works Director Jim Hogg reported to the council during the work session that the street resurfacing project would soon be ready to bid. He added that Mr. Hogg had received help from Covington County on this project and commended the county for their aid.

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2. Andalusia Police Chief Williams announced a program aimed at curbing the widespread methamphetamine epidemic. Mary F. Holley will speak at the Andalusia City Hall Auditorium on October 5, 2006, at 7:00 PM.
3. Councilman Terry Powell announced the kickoff of the Covington County United Fund Drive and encouraged everyone to get involved and support the organization that funds so many worthy causes in Covington County.
4. Councilman Anderson asked Andalusia Police Chief Wilbur Williams if a recent criminal investigation involved a hate crime. Chief Williams reported that he did not believe that there was any evidence of a hate crime at the present time in the investigation, but indicated that if such evidence presented itself that he would notify the proper authorities.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

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ATTEST:

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