

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
December 5, 2006

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Andy Alexander, Councilman

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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Jones moved that the minutes from the previous council meeting of November 21, 2006, be approved. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES SMOKING ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITIES OF OPP AND BREWTON WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMPARISON:

Mayor Andrews announced that the council had two ordinances that limited smoking in public places that were previously submitted. He added that similar ordinances adopted by the Cities of Brewton and Opp would be made available to the council for comparison.

COUNCIL PRESENTED FIRST PLACE RIBBON FOR FLOAT IN ANDALUSIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Leisure Services employees Vanessa Nelson and Barbara Tyler presented the council with the first place ribbon for the council's float in the annual Andalusia Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Mayor Andrews thanked Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Tyler for their hard work and dedication on the float. He added that the parade was a great success and commended the chamber for their efforts.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENCY FOR NEW FIRE STATION HEATING:

Mayor Andrews presented to the council an estimate for heating for the newly constructed fire station addition for \$2021.88. Councilman Jones moved to approve the estimate with proceeds from contingency. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES CONTRACT WITH GOVDEALS FOR DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a contract with GovDeals that would allow the city to dispose of surplus equipment. Councilman Powell moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with GovDeals. Councilman Cotton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL AUTHORIZES CONTRACT WITH BILL SALTER OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FOR TOURISM AND RELOCATION BILLBOARD:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a contract with Bill Salter Outdoor Advertising as part of the Tourism and Relocation Committee's campaign to promote Andalusia through a billboard on Interstate 65. Councilman Cotton moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Bill Salter Outdoor Advertising. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES GUARANTY AGREEMENT WITH AND APPROPRIATION TO WAL-MART:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a guaranty agreement with Wal-Mart Stores East, LP. The mayor reminded the council that it had entered into a development agreement with Wal-Mart whereby the City of Andalusia would develop certain highway and lighting infrastructure adjacent to the Wal-Mart Supercenter up to \$466,000. He added that at completion the project totaled \$451,750. As per terms of the agreement one-third of the construction costs were due now, one-third in one year, and the final one-third in two years. Mayor Andrews said that Covington County and Covington Electric Cooperative had agreed to pay \$90,000, in three payments of \$30,000 and \$75,000, in three payments of \$25,000, respectively, toward the project. These other contributions would reduce the city's total commitment to \$286,749.99, or three payments of \$95,583.33, as noted above. Councilman Powell moved to appropriate \$95,583.33 from contingency and to authorize the mayor to sign the guaranty for the \$301,166.67, less prior mentioned commitments. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Councilman Cotton added that this project was for turn lanes, traffic signals, drainage and water main relocation, etc. not for the entrance to the store. Upon calling for a vote Mayor Andrews announced that the measure was adopted unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS ROBERT WILLIAMS AND VICTORIA ANDERSON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:

Mayor Andrews presented applications from Robert Williams and Victoria Anderson to the Library Board for the council's consideration. Councilman Jones moved to approve the applications. Councilman Powell seconded the motion. Mayor Andrews called for a vote which produced the following results.

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Mayor Andrews Councilman Jones Councilman Cotton Councilman Powell		Councilman Anderson

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR :

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a new position description for an Administrative Coordinator for the administration department with the understanding that, "a bachelor's degree would be preferred," be added to the description. Councilman Cotton moved to approve the position with the amendment. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL TABLES CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH BRADLEY ARANT:

Mayor Andrews presented to the council a contract with Bradley Arant and read a statement in support of the firm's services. Councilman Jones moved to table consideration of the contract. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Andrews commended the Tourism and Relocation Committee and Barbara Nichols for putting

together the first annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. He added that it was a fun and festive occasion that was a great success.

2. Councilman Powell commented about a speeding problem on Grider Street and cautioned motorists that speed breakers would be added to the problem area soon.

3. Councilman Cotton reminded everyone that prints of the painting of city hall by Larry Strickland were available and would make excellent Christmas gifts.

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ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mayor Andrews called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk