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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT:

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor
Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman
Andy Alexander, Councilman
Terry Powell, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

Bridges D. Anderson, Councilman
Don Cotton, Councilman

The council met for a special meeting for the purpose hearing an employee termination appeal at 4:00 in room 340 at city hall. Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order. Councilman Powell moved to take the proceedings into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character of the employee. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mayor Andrews said that the council would come out of executive session at 5:00.

The council reconvened at 5:00. Councilman Powell moved to affirm the decision of Leisure Services Director, Dwight Mikel, to terminate Michael Johnson. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion. Mayor Andrews called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:
Councilman Jones
Councilman Alexander
Councilman Powell

No:

Abstained:
Mayor Andrews

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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. City Department Heads, Jim Hogg, Andy Wiggins, and Wilbur Williams addressed the council about issues concerning their departments.

REGULAR COUNCIL 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

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:

Mayor Andrews presented the minutes from the August 21, 2007, regular meeting to the council for its consideration. Councilman Powell moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL APPROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UPGRADE:

Mayor Andrews presented a request from the Police Department to purchase an upgrade to communications equipment. He added that the Police Chief had funds in his current budget to purchase the equipment. Councilman Powell moved to approve the purchase of the upgrade equipment. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FROM COVINGTON COUNTY:

Mayor Andrews presented a request from the Public Works Department to purchase a 1997 John Deere Self-Loading Scraper from Covington County for \$32,000. He added that the county would accept three equal monthly payments for the equipment beginning on September 15, 2007. Councilman Alexander moved to approve the purchase with the first payment to be made from the current Public Works Budget on September 15 and the remaining payments from contingency. Councilman Cotton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LOUIS M. SELLERS FOR LEFT FIELD FAMILY GRILL:

Mayor Andrews presented a restaurant retail liquor license application from Louis M. Sellers for the Left Field Family Grill located at 302 West Bypass. Councilman Alexander moved to approve the application. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Mayor Andrews called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:	No:	Abstained:
Mayor Andrews		Councilman Powell
Councilman Anderson		
Councilman Jones		
Councilman Alexander		

COUNCIL REAPPOINTS WILLIAM E. BRYANT TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Mayor Andrews presented an application from William E. Bryant for a vacancy on the Industrial Development Board. Councilman Powell moved to reappoint William E. Bryant to the Industrial Development Board to fill the vacant position. Councilman Cotton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL REAPPOINTS JIMMY D. WILSON TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS:

Mayor Andrews presented an application from Jimmy D. Wilson to fill a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Councilman Powell moved to reappoint Jimmy D. Wilson to the Board of Zoning Adjustments to fill the vacant position. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR PRESENTS THE COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSAL TO HANNA PRECISION COMPANY:

Mayor Andrews presented the council with a proposal to Hanna Precision Company and said that he would meet with the council individually to discuss the terms of the proposal at a later date.

MAYOR PRESENTS THE COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET:

Mayor Andrews presented a proposed 2008 budget to the council and offered to meet as necessary to answer the council's questions and concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Andrews announced that there were three vacancies on the Recreation Board.
2. Mayor Andrews announced that the Planning Commission had recommended the adoption of new a zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. He added that these changes were the result of a review of the comprehensive plan by the KPS Group.
3. Mayor Andrews thanked Leisure Services Director Dwight Mikel and his staff and all of the city's staff for their combined efforts to bring about a successful Babe Ruth World Series.
4. Councilman Jones announced a District Two Meeting in the auditorium at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2007.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being 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/Treasurer