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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Will Sconiers, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Ralph Wells, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

None

The Hon. Charles A. Short, Covington County Circuit Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial Court of the State of Alabama, administered the oaths of office to Earl V. Johnson, Mayor, Will Sconiers, Councilmember, District One, Kenneth Mount, Councilmember, District Two, Hazel Griffin, Councilmember, District Three, Ralph Wells, Councilmember, District Four, Terry Powell, Councilmember, District Five. (Copies of these oaths of office are attached and made part of these minutes.)

COUNCIL SETS TIME FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Mayor Johnson announced that it was necessary for the council to establish a time and place for regular meetings and rules of procedure. Councilmember Powell moved to set regular meetings for the first and third Tuesdays of each month at city hall, at 6:00, with work sessions beginning at 5:00 or 5:30 and that Robert's Rules of Order be the rules for procedure. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tempore for the 2012 – 2016 term. Councilmember Mount nominated Councilmember Terry Powell to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Wells seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

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Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells

No:

None

Abstained:

Councilmember Powell

COUNCIL APPOINTS CITY CLERK - TREASURER:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for City Clerk – Treasurer. Councilmember Griffin nominated John Thompson to serve as City Clerk - Treasurer for the 2012 – 2016 term. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

None

Abstained:

None

COUNCIL APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for the council’s representative to the Utilities Board of the City of Andalusia. Councilmember Sconiers nominated Councilmember Powell to serve on the Utilities Board. Councilmember Mount seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells

No:

None

Abstained:

Councilmember Powell

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COUNCIL APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA GAS DISTRICT BOARD:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for the council's representative to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Councilmember Powell nominated Councilmember Mount to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Councilmember Wells seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

Abstained:

Councilmember Mount

COUNCIL APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for the council's representative to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Powell nominated Councilmember Sconiers to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Mount seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

Abstained:

Councilmember Sconiers

COUNCIL APPOINTS CITY ATTORNEY:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for city attorney. Councilmember Sconiers nominated Mark Christensen City Attorney. Councilmember Griffin seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results.

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Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

None

Abstained:

None

COUNCIL APPOINTS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE ANDALUSIA MUNICIPAL COURT:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for Judge of the Municipal Court. Councilmember Griffin nominated Mike Jones. Councilmember Powell seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

None

Abstained:

None

MAYOR APPOINTS CITY DEPARTMENT AND ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor Johnson announced that he reappointed all department heads and assistant department heads subject to a six week probationary period.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES CITY AUDITOR:

Mayor Johnson announced that he has engaged Rabren, Odom, Peirce and Hayes, PC as the city's auditor for the term.

COUNCIL DESIGNATES A DEPOSITORY FOR THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ASSETS:

Mayor Johnson announced that it was necessary to designate a depository for the city's financial assets for the term. Councilmember Powell moved to continue the present depository arrangement with Cadence Bank and to authorize the mayor and city clerk to bid the city's financial business for the term. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

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Yes:

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells
Councilmember Powell

No:

None

Abstained:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Johnson called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer