

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
MARCH 15, 2016**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met in room 340 at city hall for a work session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Mayor Johnson led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting, March 1, 2016. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE CONTINUANCE OF THE 101 SOUTH COTTON STREET PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Johnson announced the reopening of a public hearing relating to the abatement of 101 South Cotton Street that had been continued from the previous city council meeting and presented a remediation agreement between the city and the property owner. Mayor Johnson noted that the city attorney, inspection staff and appropriate municipal official negotiated and approved the agreement. Mayor Johnson declared the public meeting closed. Councilmember Wells moved to approve the agreement and to authorize the mayor to execute it. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION FROM CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR VEHICLE PURCHASES:

Mayor Johnson presented the results of a vehicle bid opening and a comparison with the State of Alabama Department of Revenue vehicle bid list. Councilmember Powell noted that the local vendor was not within five percent allowed for local vendor preference and moved approve the purchase of six vehicles from the state bid list and to appropriate \$175,667 from the capital account to cover the purchase of the vehicles and necessary public safety vehicle equipment for police and fire vehicles. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO FULLY CONSIDER THE 2015 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT:

Mayor Johnson announced that the 2015 financial audit report was presented to the city council during the work session prior to the meeting and asked the council to consider a special meeting later in the week to formally consider the audit. Councilmember Powell moved to set a special meeting for 1:00 Friday afternoon, March 18, 2016, to consider the audit report. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL SUSPENDS RULES, PASSES ORDINANCES, LEASES WITH BIG MIKE'S AND CLARK THEATERS::

Mayor Johnson announced that leases had been developed with businesses for two city properties in Downtown Andalusia and asked the clerk to poll the council with regard to suspension of the rules in order for the council to immediately consider Ordinances 2016 – 01 and 2016 – 02, relating to the leases. Results are as follows:

YES

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

NO

None

Mayor Johnson announced that Amendment 725 to the Constitution of the State of Alabama gave the city the authority to engage in certain business related activities like the leases being considered in Ordinances 2016 – 01 and 2016 – 02 and that proper notice had been published. Mayor Johnson asked if anyone present in the audience wished to speak to the council about the leases. Blaine Wilson and John Tisdale addressed the council and asked questions about the leases. Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance 2016 – 01 and lease with Big Mike’s Restaurant Andalusia, LLC. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Councilmember Wells moved to approve Ordinance 2016 – 02 and lease with Clark Theaters, Inc. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL ASSIGNS VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Mayor Johnson announced that the Alabama League of Municipalities annual business meeting would be on May 16, 2016, in Huntsville. Councilmember Sconiers nominated Mayor Johnson voting delegate, Councilmember Wells, first alternate voting delegate and Councilmember Powell, second alternate voting delegate at the meeting. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE ANDALUSIA PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor Johnson announced two openings on the planning commission. Councilmember Wells nominated Allen Woodard and Mike Holloway to fill the vacant positions on the planning commission. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mayor Johnson called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Thompson City Clerk – Treasurer