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**ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON
2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

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 Honorable Benjamin Bowden, 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 and presented Resolution No. 2016 - 46.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-46**

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**

WHEREAS, the Code of Alabama requires the mayor and members of municipal councils to assemble and organize the council on the first Monday in November following their election; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Andalusia have now assembled and have taken their oaths of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is desirable that the procedures that have been in place for the past four years should continue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the regular meetings of the City Council shall be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month with a work session beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room to be followed at 6:00 p.m. by the regular meeting in the Auditorium at Andalusia City Hall, 505 East Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the procedures to be followed in the conducting of all meetings of the City Council shall be those set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order* (11th Edition).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2016.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2016 – 46. Councilmember Wells 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 2016 – 2020 term. Councilmember Sconiers nominated Councilmember Terry Powell to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Mount seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

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Yes:

Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells

No:

None

Abstained:

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 2016 – 2020 term. Councilmember Wells 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 Wells 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:

Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells

No:

None

Abstained:

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COUNCIL APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA GAS DISTRICT BOARD:

Mayor Johnson announced that nominations were open for the City of Andalusia's representative to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alabama Gas District for the 2016 – 2020 term. Councilmember Sconiers nominated Councilmember Mount to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Councilmember Powell seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Councilmember Sconiers	None	
Councilmember Griffin		
Councilmember Wells		
Councilmember Powell		

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 Wells nominated Councilmember Sconiers to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Powell seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Councilmember Mount	None	
Councilmember Griffin		
Councilmember Wells		
Councilmember Powell		

COUNCIL APPOINTS CITY ATTORNEY:

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

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Mayor Johnson	None	None
Councilmember Sconiers		
Councilmember Mount		
Councilmember Griffin		
Councilmember Wells		
Councilmember Powell		

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:

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Mayor Johnson	None	None
Councilmember Sconiers		
Councilmember Mount		
Councilmember Griffin		
Councilmember Wells		
Councilmember Powell		

Judge Benjamin Bowden administered the Oath of Office to Michael L. Jones, Jr.

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 month probationary period.

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 Wells seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Mayor Johnson	None	None
Councilmember Sconiers		
Councilmember Mount		
Councilmember Griffin		
Councilmember Wells		
Councilmember Powell		

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