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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
APRIL 7, 2020**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

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

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE

Hazel Griffin, Councilmember

ABSENT:

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met in room 250 at city hall for a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. For the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on March 17, 2020. Councilmember Wells moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST WITH THE BETHESDA HOUSE:

Mayor Johnson announced that during the work session the council received a presentation from Dr. Allison Jackson – Wood from Bethesda House, a domestic violence assistance program. Councilmember Powell moved to appropriate \$10,000 from contingency to assist Bethesda House. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08, CITY OF ANDALUSIA'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-08, City of Andalusia's response to the coronavirus crisis.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 08

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FURLOUGH OF EMPLOYEES DURING THE
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Pandemic has disrupted the national and local economy and has placed all citizens at risk; and

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WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed, and the President has signed into law, the CARES Act, an approximately \$2 Trillion emergency economic assistance bill that includes the Payroll Protection Plan to assist employees temporarily placed on furlough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the Mayor is authorized to temporarily furlough City employees in an effort to limit the fiscal impact of the pandemic to the city and so that furloughed employees may take full advantage of the state and federal employment benefits.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2020.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-08. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY CURFEW IN ANDALUSIA DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC :

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2020-03, establishing a temporary curfew in Andalusia during the coronavirus pandemic and asked the clerk to call the roll on the question of suspending the rules so that the council could immediately consider the Ordinance.

YES

Mayor Johnson
Councilmember Sconiers
Councilmember Mount
Councilmember Griffin
Councilmember Wells

NO

None

ABSTAINED

None

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Councilmember Powell

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-03

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Alabama declared a public health emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued several supplemental orders related to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Governor through the State Health Officer, issued a “stay-at-home” order that is applicable throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Council of the City of Andalusia that many persons are not following the directives of the State and are gathering in parking lots, street corners, and other public places; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an emergency from natural causes unprecedented size and is the kind of emergency contemplated by Code of Alabama § 31-9-2(a); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that disregard for the directives of these State Officials endangers the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Andalusia because those not following the directives may very well be unwittingly spreading the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that enforcement of the stay-at-home order at night is more difficult and dangerous and places a greater burden on law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that unnecessary traffic at night makes a response by emergency personnel more difficult and dangerous;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of

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Andalusia, Alabama pursuant to the authority granted in Code of Alabama § 31-9-10(b)(5) b that:

- 1) A public safety curfew is hereby imposed with the municipal limits of the City of Andalusia;
- 2) Except for those in transit through Andalusia on major roads and highways and those on legitimate business excepted by provisions of the Governor's Orders and the State Health Officer's Order, no person may be on the streets or sidewalks or other public areas, on foot or in a vehicle or otherwise, within the corporate limits of the City of Andalusia between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- 3) Said curfew shall be in effect from Friday, April 10, 2020, at 10:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 4) Upon the cessation of the Statewide stay-at-home order, the City Council shall consider whether to repeal or amend this Ordinance; if the City Council determines that repeal or amendment of this Ordinance would not be advisable at that time, the City Council shall reconsider its decision at least once every two months at one of its regularly scheduled meetings.
- 5) Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and imprisonment for up to six (6) months as provided by Code of Alabama § 31-9-22.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN THOMPSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance 2020-03. Councilmember Mount 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 M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer