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**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL  
August 18, 2020**

**REGULAR WORK SESSION 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:**

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met in the auditorium at the 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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**ABSENT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on August 4, 2020. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06, DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT:**

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2020-06, Downtown Redevelopment Project.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 06**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the quality of life for all of its citizens and the residents of surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to encourage economic development in the City of Andalusia and to encourage responsible development that will lead to benefits that will serve valid and sufficient public purposes including, but not limited to, expansion and enhancement of the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other public needs, and increased employment opportunities with the City, promotion of the City as a center for retail and commercial activity, and provision of additional goods and services to the residents of Andalusia and the surrounding areas;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, as follows:

1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to wit:

A certain lot in Andalusia, Alabama, described as follows:  
Commencing at the intersection of the East right of way of South Three Notch Street and the South right of way of Pear Street at a point where a projection the North and West walls of the "McArtan Building" intersect and run East along the North side of said McArtan Building and the South side of the sidewalk on Pear Street for a distance of 60 feet to the West side of a twenty-one inch common wall joining the two story McArtan Building with a one story building to the East formerly occupied by Dr. Ray's office; thence continue East for a distance of ten and one-half inches to the center of said common wall; thence continue South along the center of said common wall for a distance of 101 feet, more or less, to the South side of the South wall of said McArtan building; thence continue West along the South side of the South wall of the McArtan Building to a point that intersects the East right of way of South Three Notch Street; thence run North along the West side of the McArtan Building and the East right of way of South Three Notch Street for a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning;

and which is commonly known as the "Opera House" or the "McArtan Building" at the intersection of Pear Street and South Three Notch Street in Andalusia.

2. In order to enhance downtown Andalusia, the property described above shall become a part of the downtown entertainment district subject to the special fees and assessments of The Capital Improvement Cooperative District of the City of

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Andalusia, Alabama, a domestic, non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Code of Alabama § 11-99B-1 *et seq.* the address of which is 505 East Three Notch Street, Andalusia, AL 36420; the special fees and assessments shall be 2% of the gross sales or rentals each month (which shall be in addition to all other taxes assessed) on the premises.

3. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11-47-20 of the Code of Alabama, the Mayor of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, is hereby directed to execute an agreement for the renovation and conveyance of said property in the name of the City of Andalusia, Alabama upon the approval of the terms of said agreement by resolution of the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, and to execute a deed in consummation of said agreement.
4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JOHN M. THOMPSON,  
CITY CLERK AND TREASURER

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-28, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 28**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama that we, after having examined the report of the City Building Inspector, do hereby find that the property in question specifically described below and denominated as parcel numbers by the Revenue Commission of Covington County is hazardous to the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the citizens of Andalusia and thereby constitute a public nuisance pursuant to the Alabama Act No. 94-540 as adopted by the City Council of the City of Andalusia:

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|----|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1) | 205 Dahlia Dr  | parcel # 1309302001043000 |
| 2) | 309 Donald St  | parcel # 1304183005019000 |
| 3) | 315 King St    | parcel # 1304194001034000 |
| 4) | 407 Packer Ave | parcel # 1304183004047000 |
| 5) | 417 Alma St    | parcel # 1401124004004000 |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby authorizes the Building Inspector to proceed with the abatement of these nuisances as authorized under State of Alabama Act. No. 94-540 as adopted by the City of Andalusia.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 18th day of August, 2020

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

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**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer**

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-28. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29, BID RESULTS OF PINWOOD ROAD PROJECT :**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-29, Bid Results of Pinewood Road Project.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 29**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO GRADY RALLS & SONS FOR THE PINWOOD CULVERT REPAIR PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia has received a bid for repairing the culvert on Pinewood Road in the City of Andalusia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia, Alabama did legally advertise a bid opening time and date of 2:00 p.m., August 18, 2020, for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works of the City of Andalusia, has reviewed the bids and determined that Grady Ralls & Sons, is the lowest responsible bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**, that the proposal from Grady Ralls & Sons, in the amount of \$155,840 be accepted and approved, that the mayor and city clerk are authorized to sign any, and all documents to necessary effectuate the intent of this resolution and that \$155,840 be appropriated from the capital improvement account to complete the project.

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**ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18 day of August, 2020.**

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer**

Councilmember Sconiers moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-29. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30, AMENDING THE NAME OF THE WILL COLEMAN CENTER:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-30, Amending the Name of the Will Coleman Center

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 30**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WILL COLEMAN – RICHARD ROBERTSON CENTER**

**WHEREAS,** Coach Richard Robertson served as Director of Special Programs at the Will Coleman Center for many years; and

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**WHEREAS**, through this service Coach Robertson positively influenced and shaped countless young program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Andalusia City Council desires to memorialize Coach Robertson's name on the facility where he worked so many years in the education and physical development of young people and children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**, that the Will Coleman Center now be known as the Will Coleman – Richard Robertson Center.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.**

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk /Treasurer**

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-30. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:**

Mayor Johnson announced that there was an opening on the Andalusia Public Library Board. Councilmember Wells moved to reappoint Robert Williams to the library board. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST FROM ANDALUSIA CITY SCHOOLS TO FUND DUAL ENROLLMENT:**

Mayor Johnson presented a request from Andalusia City Schools for \$100,000 to fund a dual enrollment program at Andalusia High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Councilmember Wells moved to approve the request and to appropriate the funds from the

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Andalusia City Schools Education Sales Tax Fund. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES HEARING DATE FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE DISPUTE:**

Mayor Johnson announced that it was necessary to conduct a hearing on a matter concerning the issuance of a business license and suggested that it be during the next meeting set for noon on September 1, 2020. Councilmember Powell moved to set a hearing date and time for a business license dispute at noon on September 1, 2020, in the auditorium at the city hall. Councilmember Wells 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:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer**