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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
October 6, 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 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

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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 September 15, 2020. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08 AND HR2020-006,
ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS & POSITION DESCRIPTION, AND EMPLOYEE
STRENGTH PLAN:**

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2020-08 and HR2020-006, Administrative Amendments & Position Description, and Employee Strength Plan.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 08

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK-
TREASURER TO HAVE ADDITIONAL DUTIES AS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the efficiency of the administration of the City; and

WHEREAS, the current City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Andalusia is already functioning in many cases as an intermediary between the Mayor, the City Council, and the department heads of the various departments of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia finds that it would improve the efficiency of the administration of the City by granting to the Mayor the ability to consolidate in one person the duties of the current City Clerk-Treasurer with the duties of a City Administrator;

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

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Andalusia, Alabama, that the Code of Ordinances, City of Andalusia, Alabama, be amended as follows to create the position of City Administrator and to provide authorization for the current City Clerk-Treasurer to be appointed by the Mayor to assume the additional duties of City Administrator:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint the current City Clerk-Treasurer to assume the additional duties of serving as City Administrator.

The City Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and the additional salary for serving as the City Administrator shall be set by the Mayor from time to time as the Mayor deems appropriate.

The purpose of the City Administrator shall be to provide for the centralization of the administrative responsibilities and to assist the Mayor in executing the duties of the Mayor.

The City Administrator shall report directly to the Mayor and shall submit to the Mayor all reports that the Mayor shall require. Nevertheless, the ultimate responsibility for the operation of the City rests with the Mayor as the City's chief executive officer.

The City Administrator shall assist the Mayor to:

- 1) administer the daily operations of all departments of city government, which are under the Mayor's direction;
- 2) provide administrative support for all departments of the City;
- 3) supervise and evaluate all department heads' performance;
- 4) prepare and administer annual departmental budgets;
- 5) coordinate with department and division heads and council members, at the direction of the Mayor, in the preparation of the annual municipal budget;
- 6) provide customer assistance, respond to citizen complaints, and promote positive community relations;
- 7) perform complex professional, technical, and administrative tasks relating to the administration of the City's departments and divisions;
- 8) represent the City and provide information to the public, private organizations, and audiences; and
- 9) perform general administrative duties such as devising goals, developing budgets, and revising reports.
- 10) Any other duties, responsibilities, and work assigned from time to time by the Mayor.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted to conflict with the sole authority to elect the City Clerk-Treasurer vested in the City Council by Code of Alabama § 11-43-3.

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This Ordinance shall become effective as of the date of its publication following its adoption by the City Council, and the Mayor shall appoint the current City Clerk-Treasurer to the position of City Administrator immediately thereafter.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2020.

EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN THOMPSON, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-08 and HR2020-006. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MEMBER TO SOUTH CENTRAL ALABAMA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD:

Mayor Johnson announced an opening on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. Councilmember Griffin nominated Dawn Thompson to serve on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS MEMBER TO ANDALUSIA HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Mayor Johnson announced that there was an opening on the Andalusia Housing Authority. Councilmember Powell moved to reappoint Teresa Ward on the Andalusia Housing Authority. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-39, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-39, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 39

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) | 108 Cawthon St. | parcel # 1304183003041000 |
| 2) | 113 Little St. | parcel # 1304191008001004 |
| 3) | 125 B Railroad Ave | parcel # 1304183003010001 |
| 4) | 211 Powhatten St | parcel # 1401124002017000 |
| 5) | 212 Powhatten St | parcel # 1401124002017001 |
| 6) | 603 Carlton St | parcel # 1304191008001001 |
| 7) | 605 Carlton St | parcel # 1304191008001003 |
| 8) | 702 E Watson St | parcel # 1304201003011000 |
| 9) | King St Lot | parcel # 1304194001010000 |

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 6th day of October, 2020

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

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Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-39. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BARRICADES:

Mayor Johnson announced that the police department had been awarded a grant for barricades but that it was reimbursable. Councilmember Powell moved to appropriate \$10,858 from contingency to purchase the barricades. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO PURCHASE TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES:

Mayor Johnson announced that there were concerns about speeding on Andalusia streets and that Chief Hudson had identified traffic calming devices as a possible solution. Councilmember Mount moved to appropriate \$8,020 from the capital improvement account to purchase the traffic calming devices. 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 M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer