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**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL  
November 17, 2020**

**REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor  
Joe Nix, 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.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

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**ABSENT:**

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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 on October 20, 2020 and the Organizational Meeting on November 2, 2020. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE No. 2020-09, SIGNAGE REGULATIONS:**

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2020-09, Signage Regulations.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 09**

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.5-51 OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA PROVIDING FOR THE  
REGULATION OF BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS IS HEREBY  
ADOPTED**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the quality of life for all of its citizens and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and other persons passing through the City of Andalusia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama finds that “off-premise signs” (defined by Code of Andalusia Section 17.5-3 as including billboards and outdoor advertising) have a potential impact on traffic safety because of their features which tend to be distracting to motorists and as such ought to be regulated for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Andalusia and those passing through the City of Andalusia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia finds that circumstances have changed since the adoption of Ordinance 1994-11 and Ordinance 1997-06 which are codified in Code of Alabama Section 17.5-51 and that said Section ought to be amended to address the current circumstances;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that Section 17.5-51 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Andalusia, Alabama, be amended as follows:

Sec. 17.5-51. - Off-premise signs.

In addition to any regulations applying to signs in general, the following regulations shall apply to off-premise signs:

(1) No billboard shall be located closer than one thousand feet (1,000') from the closest approved existing sign location whether on the same side or the opposite side of any street. The distance shall be measured along the nearest edge of the right-of-way or the centerline of the road from the points of intersection of the right-of-way or the centerline of the road with lines perpendicular to the directions of travel on the road from the centers of the signs.

(2) There shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from lowest point of a sign to grade. Height should conform to maximum or minimum height as required in each zoned area.

(3) Signs may have single faces or double faces, but no side-by-side or stacked units shall be allowed.

(4) The maximum square footage permitted shall be three hundred fifty (350) square feet.

(5) Single pole structures may have a maximum square footage of three hundred fifty (350) feet.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, billboards shall be permitted on all state highways with the following exceptions:

a. Three Notch Street from Highway 84/29 intersection to Highway 29 South intersection on the bypass (i.e., both East Three Notch Street and South Three Notch Street).

b. Stanley Street from East Three Notch intersection to County Road 56.

c. Church Street.

d. River Falls Street from Church Street to West ByPass.

e. Sanford Road, from East Three Notch Street to Hwy. 84 intersection.

(7) No billboard shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving light or lights used primarily to attract attention, except those giving public service

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information, limited to time, date, temperature, and news.

(8) Digital, Rotoboard, and Variable/Changeable Electronic LED signs may display multiple messages, provided that the sign is a static display and that the static display time for each message is at least eight (8) seconds and the time to change from one message to another is no greater than two (2) seconds.

(9) Signs shall not be erected or maintained which are not effectively shielded so as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled way of any road or that have lights that are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle.

(10) Signs shall not be erected or maintained which shall be so illuminated that they obscure or interfere with any official traffic sign, device, or signal. Signs must contain static messages without movement such as animation, flashing, scrolling, intermittent, or full-motion video.

(11) Spacing between Digital, Rotoboard, and Variable/Changeable Electronic LED signs shall not be less than the minimum spacing requirements set forth above. Nevertheless, the code administrator may require a greater distance if it is determined that a greater distance is necessary to ensure the safety of the motoring public. To ensure the safety of the motoring public, the code administrator may also refuse to allow the permitting of a sign in a location where it is determined to be inappropriate.

(12) To ensure driver safety, signs must include a default designed to freeze a display in one still position if a malfunction occurs. Signs must have controls for modifying displays and lighting levels whenever directed by the code administrator in order to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

(13) Any sign which was lawfully in existence or which had been lawfully permitted before the effective date of this ordinance will be allowed to remain for the duration of the sign's normal life. Only routine maintenance and the change of message can be performed on such a sign. Replacement of or the repair of the sign supports shall be considered the erection of a new sign requiring a new permit and must comply with all of the requirements set forth in this section.

(14) The provisions of this section shall be separable. If any clause, provision, or portion of this section shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other clause, provision, or portion of this section.

(15) In accordance with the Code of Alabama, this section shall become effective immediately upon its publication following its adoption by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama.

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ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JOHN THOMPSON,  
CITY CLERK AND TREASURER

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-42, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 42**

**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) | 300 Packer Ave.    | parcel # 1304183005005000 |
| 2) | 305 College St.    | parcel # 1304173302041000 |
| 3) | 306 Dixon St.      | parcel # 1304182003003000 |
| 4) | 426 N Cotton St.   | parcel # 1304181008013000 |
| 5) | 518 Barton St.     | parcel # 1304182002007000 |
| 6) | 1109 Henderson St. | parcel # 1304171005001002 |

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

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk**

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-42. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43, DOWNTOWN STABILIZATION:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-43, Downtown Stabilization.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION 2020 – 43**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STABILIZATION  
OF AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia desires to keep all city property safe and free of debris; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia recently acquired several properties in Downtown Andalusia; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the properties in the acquisition are attractive nuisances and need to be cleaned and secured.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**, that \$25,000 be appropriated from the Contingency for the purpose of cleaning, securing, and stabilizing downtown properties.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

Councilmember Wells moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-43. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES CANDYLAND BUDGET REQUEST:**

Mayor Johnson presented the Candyland 2020 Budget to the council. Councilmember Griffin moved to approve the 2020 Candyland Budget and to appropriate \$99,150.90 from Contingency to complete the project. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer**