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**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL  
August 03, 2021, 6:00 PM**

**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 first-floor conference room 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**

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**ABSENT:**

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 July 20, 2021. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS REAPPOINTMENT:**

Mayor Johnson announced that there was an opening on the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Councilmember Powell moved to reappoint Steve Grissett. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27, SURPLUS PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2021-27, Surplus Public Works Vehicle.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
RESOLUTION 2021 – 27**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Andalusia, Alabama, has inventoried its equipment/vehicles and found the following equipment/vehicles to be unneeded for municipal public purposes:

Unit No. S053

2004 International 4300 Truck

VIN: 1HTMMAAR94H657396

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that said equipment listed above is no longer needed for municipal public purposes, and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of said surplus property.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

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**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA,**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**John Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer**

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-27. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES ANDALUSIA CITY SCHOOLS 2019 BUDGET REQUESTS:**

Mayor Johnson presented Andalusia City School's request for the 2021-2022 academic (FY2022) year for education sales taxes, per Ordinance 2013-02. Councilmember Wells moved to approve the request. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**ANDALUSIA CITY SALES TAX REQUEST**

Items for consideration from the City Sales Tax collected in FY 21 to be spent in FY 21 and FY 22.

	<b>Project or Program</b>	<b>Dollar Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.	Auditorium/Stadium	\$500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$454,125 to apply to principal and interest payment of Bond Payment Schedule.</li><li>• \$45,875 to apply to repairs and maintenance of the newly remodeled facilities as we ARE ANDALUSIA.</li></ul>
2.	Apple Computer Lease	\$145,167.46	Continuation of our Apple Computer lease.
3.	Education Technology Specialist	\$90,000.00	Over the last several years, with the City's help, ACS has become a 1 to 1 system for both teachers and students. It is vital that we have someone in place to instruct the teachers how to use this technology effectively and efficiently to help improve our academic scores as well as reach children through this innovative method of teaching.
4.	Art and Music Support	\$125,000.00	Continuation of the art and music program at ACS.
5.	Dual Enrollment Funding	\$100,000.00	Funding for two dual enrollment courses at LBW. LBW will match this if the student enrolls the next fall.
6.	Cupola for the Entrance to the Auditorium	\$50,000.00	As we ARE ANDALUSIA, and in keeping with tradition, this is a focal point of entrance to our school. As such, we would like to make a statement by adding this to a prominent, newly renovated, main entrance to our campus.
7.	Math Curriculum and Supplies	\$13,000.00	FY 2021 was a math adoption year. Purchase of these materials exceeded the allotment from the State Dept of Education by approximately \$112,000.00. ACS is requesting approximately \$13,000 to help defray the cost.
8.	Maintenance Shop	\$125,000.00	ACS is in need of a maintenance shop. I propose we construct a metal building on the old tennis courts at the Woodson Learning Center. This will allow for better storage of materials and parts needed in our school system as well as provide a place for construction and repair of current and future projects.
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,148,167.46</b>	

Presented to Andalusia City Board of Education July 26, 2021.

\*Most costs are for FY 2022 however, some are FY 2021 such as computer lease payments, etc. Additionally, the costs above are based on a best estimate at the time of presentation. ACS would appreciate consideration to adjust our request to include additional funding if a project runs over budget.

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**COUNCIL APPROVES RETAIL STRATEGIES CONTRACT:**

Mayor Johnson presented a contract from Retail Strategies for continued retail development. Councilmember Wells moved to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the contract. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28, DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY FOR CITY FUNDS AND BANKING SERVICES:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2021-28, Designating Depository for City Funds and Banking Services.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION 2021 –28**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CCB COMMUNITY BANK AS DEPOSITORY OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia is responsible for designating a financial institution as a depository of municipal funds and accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, CCB Community Bank has submitted a proposal to serve as a depository and provide general banking services for the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That CCB Community Bank is hereby designated as a depository of City funds and shall provide general banking services as outlined in the attached proposal.
2. The City Treasurer is directed to implement this resolution as soon as practicable.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

**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 Mount moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-28. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2021-29, American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29**

**A RESOLUTION TO**

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued an interim final rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the City of Andalusia will have such funds available for use on projects that are qualified under such interim final rule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama wishes to designate certain projects to be funded from said fiscal recovery funds; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds that expansion of broadband service is a qualified expenditure under the interim final rule and that the Department of the Treasury encourages fund recipients to prioritize support for broadband networks owned, operated by, or affiliated with local governments, and that so doing will provide a greater commitment to serving the entire community, including those communities within the City of Andalusia that are currently underserved; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council also finds that the security equipment for which the Council authorized bids by a resolution at the Council meeting on June 1, 2021 will also qualify as an expenditure under the interim final rule in that such equipment will aid first responders in acting more efficiently and will also aid those parts of the community that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, including, but not limited to, the stress involved which has often resulted in an increase in crime to the detriment of the victims in those communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama that expenditures from the funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act are approved for the projects listed above, but the specific amounts of any such expenditures are to be presented to the City Council for approval when the projected costs are determined.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-29. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30, ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO GET VACCINATED FOR COVID:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2021-30, Encourage Citizens to get Vaccinated for COVID.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION 2021-30**

*Whereas*, the COVID-19 virus is surging in Covington County, Alabama, and the Southeastern United States; and

*Whereas*, the surging virus is overtaxing the nation's healthcare system to the point that many hospitals cannot accept more COVID-19 patients; and

*Whereas*, areas reporting surging virus numbers are the same areas that report low vaccination rates and

*Whereas*, fewer than 30 percent of Covington County's residents are fully vaccinated; and

*Whereas*, the most serious cases of COVID-19, including cases of the Delta variant, are reported among those who are not vaccinated; and

*Whereas*, the Centers for Disease Control and the Alabama Department of Public Health recommend vaccinations for children 12 and above, and for all adults except those who are allergic to the ingredients of the vaccine; and

*Whereas*, we know Andalusia and Covington County residents to be caring people who would not knowingly or willingly infect their neighbors with a deadly disease; and

*Whereas*, vaccinations are free and readily available in our community;

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that I, Mayor Earl V. Johnson, on behalf of the City Council of Andalusia, Alabama, and all of its citizens, do hereby encourage all residents of Andalusia to get vaccinated, and encourage their families and friends to do the same.

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*Adopted and Approved* this 3rd<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2021.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-30. Councilmember Nix 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**