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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
MAY 2, 2023, 6:00 PM**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Joe Nix, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Presley Boswell, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met in the third-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. 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 April 18, 2023. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24, DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-24, Donation of Real Property.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -24

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia is committed to the beautification, cultural and recreational improvement, and further economic development of the area within and around the municipal limits of the City of Andalusia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed donation of a parcel of real property located near the proposed Heritage Park in the City of Andalusia by the Andalusia & Conecuh Railroad Co., Inc. (a subsidiary of Power South Energy Cooperative) will further these goals; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby certified that the Andalusia & Conecuh Railroad Co., Inc. has not been provided any goods, services, other consideration, or inducements in

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return for this gift;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that said donation is hereby accepted and that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to effect such donation, to record the deed conveying the real property, and to pay any property taxes currently owed on said real property in order to carry out the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Boswell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-24. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-25, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25

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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) | 1202 Tanglewood Drive | parcel # 1406241003003000 |
| 2) | 204 Dillard Avenue | parcel # 1309292004010000 |
| 3) | 757 South Three Notch Street | parcel # 1304193001006003 |

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 2nd day of May 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-25. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH COVID RELIEF FUNDS:

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Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-26, Information Technology Equipment for Police Department with Covid Relief Funds.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF
CERTAIN IT EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued the 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, the City has received such funds for qualified projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, finds that the City will benefit from the acquisition by the Police Department of the IT equipment shown on the attached list; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the needed equipment will not need to be bid out because it is available through SHI International Corp, a vendor on Sourcewell, a governmental purchasing cooperative that has been approved by the Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts, and the Council also finds that the equipment is not on the State Bid List or that the price on the State Bid List is higher; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that the purchase of such equipment will qualify as part of the standard allowance for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction of the City's general revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency as provided by the Secretary of the Treasury's final rule, 31 Code of Federal Regulations § 35.6(d)(1);

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

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Andalusia, Alabama, that expenditure from the funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$67,139.71 for the purchase of the IT equipment for the Police Department shown in the attachment is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

ATTEST:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Nix moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-26. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27, SPECULATIVE BUILDING PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-27, Speculative Building Project.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION 2023 – 27

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECULATIVE BUILDING IN THE ANDALUSIA
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia (City), through the Utilities Board of the City of Andalusia (Board), a Member Distributor of the PowerSouth Energy Cooperative (PowerSouth), intends to construct a 60,000 sq. ft. speculative building for the creation of new jobs and the expansion of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the PowerSouth Business Development Loan Program will provide one-half of the approximately \$2 million construction cost of the building.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the City of Andalusia commits \$1 million toward the completion of a speculative building in the Andalusia Industrial Park and that the mayor and city administrator are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to secure the matching funding, approximately \$1 million, from the PowerSouth Business Development Loan Program.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-27. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR PRESENTS ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02, DECLARING INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY SURPLUS TO TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, FIRST READING:

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2023-02, Declaring Industrial Park Property Surplus, to transfer to the Capital Improvement Cooperative District of the City of Andalusia, first reading.

COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION:

Mayor Johnson announced that the Alabama High School Rodeo planned an event in June at the Covington Arena that would include rodeo safety as a public service. Councilmember Mount moved to appropriate \$1,500 from contingency to support the event and to promote rodeo safety. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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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