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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
JUNE 6, 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 Boswell led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on May 16, 2023. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL NOMINATES A CANDIDATE FOR THE COVINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Mayor Johnson announced it was time for the city council to nominate a qualified elector to serve on the Covington County Board of Equalization. Councilmember Griffin nominated Donna Raines. Councilmember Nix seconded the nomination which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES :

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-31, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31

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) | 525 South Cotton Street | parcel # 1304191009007000 |
| 2) | 331 Dunson Street | parcel # 1304192005001000 |
| 3) | 808 College Street | parcel # 1304174008002000 |

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-31. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32, PURCHASE OF NEW DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM, POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-32, Purchase of new Digital Radio System, Police Department.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF
NEW DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE ANDALUSIA 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 Andalusia Police Department requires upgrading the radio system; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the radio system is vital to everyday operations and that S & P Communications, LLC is a qualified supplier of this equipment on the State Bid List for the total price of \$44,821.82, and because it is on the State Bid List, no additional bidding will be required ; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that the purchase of such a radio system 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 Andalusia, Alabama, that expenditure from the funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$44,821.82 for the purchase of a new radio system with repeaters for the Andalusia Police Department is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2023.

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ATTEST:

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Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-32. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33, REIMBURSEMENT TO THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-33, Reimbursement to the Utilities Board of the City of Andalusia for the installation of Fiber Network Infrastructure.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

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 will receive such funds for qualified projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, finds that the Utilities Board of the City of Andalusia requires Reimbursement for the installation of fiber network infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds to reimburse the Utilities Board for the installation of fiber network infrastructure for a total of \$300,000; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that the installation for the fiber network 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 Andalusia, Alabama, that expenditure from the funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$300,000 for the Reimbursement to the Utilities Board for the installation of Fiber Network Infrastructure is hereby approved.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

ATTEST:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-33. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34, SOUTH COTTON STREET BUILDINGS RENOVATION PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-34, South Cotton Street Buildings Renovation Project.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION 2023 – 34

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN BUILDINGS ON
SOUTH COTTON STREET IN THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**

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WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia acquired certain commercial properties and buildings on South Cotton Street in Downtown Andalusia, specifically, 206, 208, 210, and 222 South Cotton Street, in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has already appropriated funds for new roofs for these buildings and made other improvements to them; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia has authorized the construction of Heritage Park across South Cotton Street from these buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that \$46,000 be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account to complete interior demolition, replace rotten subflooring, and to renovate the facades of 206, 208, 210, and 222 South Cotton Street so that the properties can be stabilized and marketed to prospective businesses.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Mount moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-34. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35, FARMER'S MARKET IMPROVEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-35, Farmer's Market Improvements.

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RESOLUTION 2023 – 35

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FARMER’S MARKET
IN DOWNTOWN ANDALUSIA**

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia desires to make upgrades to the Farmer’s Market in Downtown Andalusia so that it can become a viable event center adjacent to the future Heritage Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia has recently contracted for the management of the Farmer’s Market, and the contractor has identified needed repairs and upgrades necessary to ensure the success of the Farmer’s Market as an event center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that \$29,000 be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Account to repair the floor, replace ceiling fans to acquire tables and chairs for the Farmer’s Market.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Boswell moved to approve Resolution 2023-35. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27, AMENDED:

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Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-27, Amended.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION 2023 – 27, AMENDED

**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 \$2.5 million construction cost of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the City of Andalusia commits \$1.25 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 \$1.25 million, from the PowerSouth Business Development Loan Program.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2023.

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. 2023-27. 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:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer