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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
December 5, 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:

REGULAR COUNCIL 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:

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Councilmember Powell led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on November 21, 2023. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04, DECLARING REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS FOR AN EXCHANGE FOR THE ANDALUSIA HGIH SCHOOL/COLEMAN AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2023-04, Declaring Real Property Surplus for an Exchange for the Andalusia High School/Coleman Avenue Sidewalk Project.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 04
DECLARING REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA,
ALABAMA:**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the quality of life for all of its citizens and the residents of surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to encourage economic development in the City of Andalusia and to encourage responsible development that will lead to benefits that will serve valid and sufficient public purposes including, but not limited to, expansion and enhancement of the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other public needs, and increased employment opportunities with the City, promotion of the City as a center for retail and commercial activity; and provision of additional goods and services to the residents of Andalusia and the surrounding areas; and to improve the attractiveness of the City in support of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, an agreement is being completed for the City of Andalusia to enter into an agreement to exchange properties in order to complete the Coleman Avenue entrance to Andalusia High School, which will improve and revitalize that area of the City and the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, finds that said agreement will promote the purposes set forth above and that it will be necessary for certain property currently held in the name of the

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City of Andalusia to be transferred as a part of the property exchange;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, as follows:

1. It is hereby established and declared the following described parcel of real property of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to wit:

The South 18 acres of the NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 16 East.

2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2023.

EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN M. THOMPSON,
CITY CLERK AND TREASURER

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-04. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-68, AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE FOR THE ANDALUSIA HIGH SCHOOL/COLEMAN AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-68, Authorizing Real Estate Exchange for the Andalusia High School/Coleman Avenue Sidewalk Project.

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ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 68

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH ROBERT BISHOP**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it serves a public purpose to encourage economic development in the City of Andalusia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the attached contract for a property exchange with Robert Bishop as a part of the Coleman Avenue revitalization project serves valid and sufficient public purposes, including, but not limited to, expansion and enhancement of the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other public needs, and increased employment opportunities within the City, promotion of the City as a center for retail and commercial activity, and provision of additional goods and services to the residents of Andalusia and surrounding areas, and the improvement of the visual attractiveness of the City in support of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the contract attached as an exhibit hereto will carry out the intent of this resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the mayor and clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contract and other necessary documents for the purposes expressed in said contract.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-68. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-70, APPROVING A BID FOR STREET
RESURFACING AND ASPHALT PLANT MIX FOR THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA:**

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Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-70, Approving a Bid for Steet Resurfacing and Asphalt Plant Mix for the City of Andalusia.

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ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 70

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BID FOR STREET RESURFACING AND ASPHALT
PLANT MIX FOR THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia has directed the Public Works Director to inventory city streets to determine the greatest need for resurfacing, maintenance, and repair of streets necessary to maintain safe and efficient transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia, Alabama, did legally advertise a bid opening time and date of 1:00 PM, December 1, 2023, for the Annual Asphalt Plant Mix and Street Resurfacing for the City of Andalusia, in accordance with Alabama State Law, and on that date opened all bids in public and read them aloud; and

The Public Works Director and the City Clerk have reviewed the bids and determined that the lowest responsible bidder is Wiregrass Construction, attached to the resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the bid from Wiregrass Construction be accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

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ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-70. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-71, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE TRIPLE H SPECIALTY BUILDING IN THE ANDALUSIA INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-71, Authorizing the Sale of the Triple H Specialty Building in the Andalusia Industrial Park.

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ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION 2023 – 71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE TRIPLE H SPECIALTY BUILDING IN THE ANDALUSIA INDUSTRIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Andalusia City Council authorized the joint purchase of the former S. Q. Fabrication Building at 391 East Progress Drive in the Andalusia Industrial Park, with the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia, and lease of the building to Triple H Specialty, in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Triple H Specialty has a contract pending to sell the building and desires to purchase the building from the City of Andalusia and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement executed by and between the City of Andalusia, the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia, and Triple H Specialty set the sale price of the property at \$300,000, less payments made to date, plus interest accrued since last payment and other costs related to lessee's purchase option contained in the original contract, for a current sale price due of \$262,228.57.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the mayor and city clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to sell the Triple H Specialty Building at 391 East Progress Drive in the Andalusia Industrial Park, as outlined in this resolution and the lease between the parties.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proceeds from this sale be evenly divided between the City of Andalusia and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Andalusia

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By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Boswell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-71. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-72, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN FOR CANDYLAND PLAYHOUSE STORAGE:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-72, Authorizing the Construction of a Pole Barn for Candyland Playhouse Storage.

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ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

RESOLUTION 2023 – 72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN FOR CANDYLAND PLAYHOUSE STORAGE

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia and the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce have established the Candyland event; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifty private businesses and entities have constructed themed playhouses for the event, which is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, the playhouses have begun to deteriorate being stored in the open due to weather and sun.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA that the attached proposal from McIntyre Construction for a pole barn to be constructed behind the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce Office on River Falls Street be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$50,000 be appropriated from the capital improvement account to complete the project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2023.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-72. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2023-73, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANDALUSIA CITY HALL:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2023-73, Authorizing Improvements to the Andalusia City Hall.

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RESOLUTION 2023 – 73

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANDALUSIA CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia desires to make improvements to the City Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that \$31,300 be appropriated from the 2022 Series A Bond Account for the renovation of the City Hall.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 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. 2023-73. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESEALING AND STRIPING AT KIWANIS CENTER:

Mayor Johnson presented a Proposal for Resealing and Striping the Kiwanis Center, Covington Arena, and the City of Andalusia's Athletic Complex Parking and Driveways. Councilmember Boswell moved to approve the proposal to reseal and strip the Kiwanis Center, Covington Arena, and the City of Andalusia's Athletic Complex Parking and Driveways and appropriate \$42,900 from capital improvement to complete the project. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL CHANGES THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Johnson announced that the next regular Council would be held on December 19th at 11:00 A.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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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