

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 10, 2005  
7:00PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Charles Fagan, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Eddie Baldwin, Bill Baker and Doug Goss. Council Member Kevin Farmer was absent.

Mayor Fagan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes of the previous meeting were presented for consideration. Bill Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$256060.23 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Mayor Fagan called on Police Chief David Paslay to give the Police Report for December 2004. The department had a total of 1,131 contacts for the month including 457 calls for service, 633 officer initiated contacts and 41 assisted motorists. Chief Paslay also reported on officer training for 2004 explaining that the department in total had 631 hours of training and that each officer averaged over 48 hours of training. The State requires that each officer receive a minimum of 12 hours of training each year to maintain certification.

There being no Council reports Mayor Fagan updated the members and audience on projects in progress including the downtown streetscape, Chief Ladiga Trail improvements and paving of Dailey Street. The Mayor advised that the contractors had not yet arrived to pave Dailey Street as previously scheduled because they had not been able to complete previous commitments as anticipated. Mayor Fagan apologized for any inconvenience as a result of the ongoing construction in the downtown area. Mayor Fagan discussed the need for increased public participation in the decision making process by attendance at work sessions, Council meetings and public hearings.

In other business the Clerk reminded the Council of joint meetings scheduled with the Health Care Authority on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and with the School Board on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

In visitors comments the Council heard remarks concerning paving and sidewalk replacement on Dailey Street, litter abatement procedures and a question regarding utility billing procedures. Reverend Rodney Ragsdale addressed the Council representing the local ministerial association and pledged the association's support of the Council in conducting the business of the City.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:35pm