

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
JANUARY 22, 2007
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, Kevin Farmer, Eddie Baldwin, Bill Baker and Doug Goss.

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. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$184,212.16 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.

The Clerk then presented bids for a new air compressor for the utility department. The bids received were from Cowin Equipment in the amount of \$12,500.00, from General Machinery in the amount of \$12,550.00 and from E.A. Nelson in the amount of \$10,800.00. The Clerk advised that the department head had reviewed all bids and all were in compliance with the bid specifications. Bill Baker made the motion to accept the low bid of E.A. Nelson in the amount of \$10,800.00. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the low bid was accepted by unanimous consent.

Ordinance No. 566 was then presented for first reading. This ordinance adopts the revised zoning map as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ed Hanson made the motion to table Ordinance No. 566 until the next scheduled meeting. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried by majority consent with John Lawrence voting no.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a proclamation declaring February 2007 as "Black History Month" in Piedmont. The Mayor expressed special commendation to the dedicated volunteers who have labored so diligently to make this observance a reality and urged all residents to join together in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

In other business the Clerk reviewed a proposed mutual aid agreement prepared by Electric Cities of Alabama. After discussion and review of the agreement in general, Eddie Baldwin made the motion to authorize Mayor Fagan to execute the mutual aid agreement to be kept on file at the offices of Electric Cities of Alabama. Kevin Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Clerk then reviewed the loss of four meals in the nutrition program at the Senior Center. Due to increased meal costs, current level funding at the federal level and loss of provisional funding at the state level the number of available meals have been reduced at all locations throughout the state. East Alabama Planning Commission, the agency that administers the program, advises that the meals can be reinstated if the donation funds for the local program are committed by the City Council to cover the increased costs. Doug Goss made the motion to approve the use of donation funds to reinstate the number of meals lost. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent. The Council also requested that the Clerk prepare correspondence to legislative representatives addressing the funding issues for the nutrition program.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett expressed her appreciation for three city employees who assisted a pair of senior citizens who had been locked out and also assisted in the recovery of lost groceries. Ed Hanson discussed the registration packets for the League convention, many of the packets were sent unsealed and when received the contents were missing. Mr. Hanson advised that he had made his packet available for copies at Ruth Headricks office for those who did not receive their materials. Bill Baker congratulated Council Member Kevin Farmer and his wife Candice on the birth of their new son. Doug Goss discussed the senior citizen nutrition program and requested the continuation of the citizen recognition program, which has been dormant for several months. Mr. Goss also reminded the members that their Statement of Economic Interests forms must be filed with the State Ethics Commission by April 30, 2007.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan expressed his appreciation to the Council for taking immediate action to reinstate the meals for the senior citizen nutrition program and asked that the members take an active part in making legislators aware of the funding issues related to the program. The Mayor also discussed changes to the schedule for the League Convention including advanced credit sessions to be held on Sunday this year. Mayor Fagan reminded the Council of a scheduled work session on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00pm to begin discussions on the five-year plan.

There being no visitors comments and no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:28pm.