

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 24, 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, 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. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$770,895.55 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Mayor Fagan then read a letter of resignation from School Board member Terry Batey. Mr. Batey cited his increased work schedule as the reason for his resignation. The Mayor requested input from the Council to fill Mr. Batey's unexpired term which continues through May 2007.

In Council reports Eddie Baldwin advised that Fire Department Captain Mike Ledbetter has submitted his letter of resignation to accept a position at the Anniston Army Depot. Mr. Baldwin reported that the Fire Chief is reviewing applications for the position.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan updated the Council and audience on the downtown streetscape project noting that the sidewalks, brick pavers and paving are now completed and that street light installation is expected in the next two to three weeks. The Mayor advised that paving has begun on Dailey Street and is expected to be completed in the next few days. The Mayor discussed the upcoming planning meetings with the Health Care Authority and School Board and asked the members to be prepared with questions and areas of concern to be presented at the meetings. Mayor Fagan discussed remaining abatement issues in the downtown area and proposed inviting property owners that were not in compliance to a future council meeting to open lines of communication. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the property owners who have done renovations in the downtown area as well as residential property owners who have complied in the abatement process.

In visitor's comments Keith Word of the Piedmont Housing Authority updated the Council on rehabilitation contracts ongoing in the City.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:21pm.