

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 8, 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, Kenny Kelley, 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 \$45,371.95 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.

Resolution No. 2007-007 was then presented for consideration. This resolution declares certain municipal property as surplus and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of the property in accordance with State law. Doug Goss made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-007. Bill Baker seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2007-007 was adopted by unanimous consent.

Ordinance No. 571 was then presented for second reading and consideration. This ordinance amends the Business License Codes of the City of Piedmont for license year 2008 and successive years. The Clerk explained the revisions including changes to the NAICS code numbers and categories as well as the addition of Schedules "K" and "L" dealing with telecommunications and special events licensing. Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 571. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 571 was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mayor Fagan then instructed the Clerk to read a Proclamation declaring October 2007 as "Disability Employment Awareness Month" in Piedmont. The proclamation supports the designation by Congress and recognizes that people with disabilities represent an untapped pool of talent in Piedmont.

In other business the Council discussed a draft version of an ordinance to adjust the base waste disposal fees due to an increase from the contractor. After discussion by the Council the Clerk was instructed to prepare the ordinance for the next regular meeting with rates of \$14.50 for residential and \$22.50 for commercial pickup monthly.

The Clerk informed the Council of a request from the League of Municipalities regarding pending legislation in the U.S. Senate. Ed Hanson requested that the Water, Gas & Sewer portion of the bills report be broken down further to indicate which bills are for which division. There was no motion or follow-up discussion on the request.

In Council reports John Lawrence advised that although he was very pleased with the building renovations/repairs at the Bethune Center he was disappointed with the new playground equipment at the Center and felt that it was not the same quality as that at the two municipal parks. Mary Bramblett thanked State Representative Lea Fite, Senator Del Marsh and Commissioner Rudy Abbott for their assistance in various efforts throughout the City including the Industrial Access grant application and asked the other Council members to speak with the representatives when they have the opportunity. Ed Hanson reminded those present that the local Business Council will hold their "Country Fair" event on Saturday, October 13th downtown in conjunction with the city-wide yard sale on Friday and Saturday. Kenny Kelley expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Street department in assisting with a citizen request in his district. Doug Goss expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Code Enforcement Officer, Carl Hinton, and the increased abatement efforts since Mr. Hinton has been hired.

In the Mayor's report Mayor Fagan discussed efforts to address the many diseased and decaying old trees in the city and the plan to remove the trees in the near future. The Mayor also discussed the necessity of the pending waste disposal rate increase and requested that citizens continue to conserve water on a voluntary basis during the continuing drought. Mayor Fagan echoed Mrs. Bramblett's request that the members contact the local delegation representatives regarding the Industrial Access grant application. The Mayor advised that the new fire truck has finally been delivered after some initial problems in the delivery process.

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