

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 28, 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 \$256,310.22 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.

In Board appointments Bill Baker nominated Ronnie Kirkpatrick and Eddie Minton for reappointment to new terms on the Parks and Street Trees Committee. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and Ronnie Kirkpatrick and Eddie Minton were reappointed to the Parks and Street Tree Committee by acclamation.

Bill Baker nominated Rick Freeman, Bobbie Beavers, Tim Cowan and Terry Kiser to terms on the Piedmont Area Siren System Board. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Rick Freeman, Bobbie Beavers, Tim Cowan and Terry Kiser were appointed to the P.A.S.S. Board by acclamation.

Ed Hanson nominated Doug Goss to the Cemetery Board replacing Kevin Farmer. Bill Baker Made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Doug Goss was appointed to the Cemetery Board by acclamation with Doug Goss abstaining.

Mayor Fagan then presented Ordinance No. 554 for first reading. This ordinance establishes regulations for parking in the downtown business district and a portion of East Ladiga Street. Bill Baker made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 554. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the rules were suspended by unanimous consent. Kevin Farmer then made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 554. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 554 was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mayor Fagan then issued a Proclamation declaring February 24, 2006 as Arbor Day in Piedmont, Alabama. The Mayor urged all citizens to support the community's forestry program and to plant trees to promote the well being of present and future generations.

Mayor Fagan then asked the Councils recommendations regarding the annual longevity pay incentive for city employees. Kevin Farmer made the motion to approve the annual longevity incentive. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the longevity incentive was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Fagan then asked the Council's consideration of entering into a joint agreement with the Calhoun County Commission and the Calhoun County Economic Development Council for grade work and site preparation on approximately twenty acres in the industrial park. Under the terms of the agreement each entity would be responsible for one-third of actual labor and fuel cost of the project. Doug Goss made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into the agreement on behalf of the City. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

In Council reports Ed Hanson reminded the members that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Southside Elementary School gymnasium on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm.

Kevin Farmer requested the status of negotiations regarding the vacant building adjacent to the administrative offices. The Clerk advised that PCA Insurance had agreed to release their sub-lease on the building and that the City would now assume the existing lease which runs through September of 2007. The Clerk advised that the owner of the building had offered to sell the building to the City for \$50,000 approximately three months ago and the County Tax Collector and Commissioner Abbott had agreed verbally to pay half the purchase price and the cost of materials to renovate the building for their local tax office if the City would provide the labor. Mayor Fagan recommended preparing to occupy the building under the existing lease while negotiations continue with the building owner.

Eddie Baldwin gave the police report for October 2005. The department had a total of 1,153 public contacts during the month including 522 calls for service and 587 contacts initiated by officers. Doug Goss advised that the new County Animal Shelter will have an open house on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at their new facility in Anniston.

Mayor Fagan discussed the upcoming Christmas events to be held in the downtown area during the week of December 4<sup>th</sup> and expressed his appreciation of all who have participated in the planning for the activities. The Mayor called on Keith Word who gave details of each day's events. Mayor Fagan advised that the new Christmas decorations installation will be completed prior to the scheduled events.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:34pm