

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008  
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, and Doug Goss. Council Member Bill Baker 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. Ed Hanson 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 \$115,596.37 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett 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 then presented a Proclamation declaring February 2008 as “Black History Month” in Piedmont and urging all residents to join together in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

Mayor Fagan then called on Piedmont Business Council representative Dan Freeman who presented and reviewed a proposed schedule of future events to be held in the downtown area in 2008. Mr. Freeman requested logistical assistance from the city workforce for the events. Doug Goss made the motion to approve the proposed schedule of events. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the schedule of events was approved by unanimous consent.

In Board appointments Doug Goss nominated Faye Parker for reappointment to the Cemetery Board. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Faye Parker was reappointed to the Cemetery Board by acclamation.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett acknowledged the attributes and accomplishments of former Piedmont resident and U.S. Congressman Kenneth Roberts (deceased) and noted that his family home had been on the site of the current Municipal building housing the Court, Council Chambers and Fire Hall. Mrs. Bramblett made the motion that a plaque honoring the late Congressman be placed on the building in recognition of his accomplishments. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent. Ed Hanson noted the scheduled Black History Program to be held at the Bethune Center on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Mr. Hanson also reminded the members to get their registration forms turned in for the League Convention and that Ethics forms are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Eddie Baldwin asked the Clerk to review information supplied to the Council regarding litigation of concern to electrical suppliers.

The Clerk reviewed the case in general and informed the Council that Electric Cities of Alabama would be participating in an Amicus Brief with Alabama Power and the Alabama Electrical Cooperatives concerning the matter. Doug Goss discussed the participation in the public hearing held prior the Council meeting and discussed items to be addressed on the elections calendar. Mr. Goss reminded the members of a Utility Board meeting this Thursday at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Fagan expressed his appreciation for the turnout at the public hearing as well and presented draft revisions of the Appalachian Highlands Scenic Byway logo. The Mayor also commented on recently increased activity by the Police Department and commended Chief Tidwell for his efforts.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.