

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
FEBRUARY 12, 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 \$452,689.38 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 with Mary Bramblett abstaining.

Ordinance No. 561 was then presented for first reading. This ordinance amends the original rubbish disposal ordinance (No. 502) to provide a fee structure for pickup of contractor debris. Bill Baker made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 561. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the rules were suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Ed Hanson then made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 561. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 561 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 566 was then presented for second reading. This ordinance adopts the revised zoning map as proposed by the Planning Commission. John Lawrence made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 566. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 566 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

In Board appointments Ed Hanson nominated Darla Cooper for reappointment to the Library Board for a new four-year term. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Darla Cooper was reappointed to the Library Board by acclamation.

Doug Goss nominated Ben Ingram for reappointment to the Health Care Authority. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Ben Ingram was reappointed to the Health Care Authority by acclamation. As Chairman of the Authority Mr. Ingram's new term will be three years in accordance with State Statute.

In other business the Clerk presented a proposed short-term lease agreement for the old street department property. The proposed lease would allow the company that is purchasing the property to move in and begin operations during the property closing process and would be for a maximum sixty day term with the lessee being responsible for all utilities, maintenance and insurance during the lease term. Doug Goss made the motion to authorize the Clerk to enter into the short-term lease agreement with the company. Bill Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation.

The Clerk then presented a proposed job description for the new position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. The Council agreed to table the matter for further review and recommendations.

In Council reports Ed Hanson expressed his appreciation for the \$5,000.00 Economic Development Grant received from the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority. The grant will be used to help fund the new recruitment videos being produced for the City.

Eddie Baldwin discussed a recent article regarding school ratings in the state and local area. The article cited the Piedmont school system with a 96% rating for teachers professionalism and the local dropout rate at 6.5%. Mr. Baldwin noted that other schools in the area had dropout rates as high as 20-30%. Mr. Baldwin expressed his feelings that the reports indicate the City's financial support of our school is making a difference and expressed his appreciation for the school systems efforts toward improvement in these areas. Doug Goss reported that he had received information just prior to the meeting that thieves had stripped copper components from the heating/cooling unit at the Scout House. Mr. Goss reminded the attendees of the School Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening at 6:30 and encouraged everyone to attend.

In the Mayor's report the Mayor discussed new business prospects and promised announcements in the near future. The Mayor expressed his anticipation for the new recruitment/marketing videos being produced for the City by Pott's Marketing and the value they will have in development efforts.

In visitor's comments Keith Word gave an update on activities related to the Housing Authority.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:18pm.