

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 14, 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, Ed Hanson, Kevin Farmer, Eddie Baldwin, Bill Baker and Doug Goss. Council Member Mary Bramblett 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. 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 \$228,226.83 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. 2005-002 was then presented for consideration. This resolution renames the Piedmont Civic Center as the Clyde H. Pike Civic Center in honor of Mr. Pikes many years of dedication in mentoring the youth of Piedmont and his contributions to his fellow citizens. Doug Goss made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-002. Bill Baker seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2005-002 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

In Board appointments Bill Baker nominated Ken Grissom to fill the unexpired term of Terry Batey on the School Board. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and Ken Grissom was appointed to the School Board by acclamation. Ed Hanson then nominated Ellis Minton for reappointment to the Planning Commission for a new term. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Kevin Farmer seconded the motion and Ellis Minton was reappointed to the Planning Commission by acclamation.

In Council reports John Lawrence announced that a Black History Program would be held at the Bethune Community Center on February 25th at 6:00pm. Mr. Lawrence invited the Council Members and community to attend the program and meal afterward. Ed Hanson reported on his recent visit to the Senior Citizens Center and expressed his support for the programs at that facility. Mr. Hanson also commented on the recent joint meeting of the Council and School Board and advised he felt the meeting was very productive. Eddie Baldwin also discussed the meeting with the School Board and expressed his pride in the local School system. Mr. Baldwin cited information discussed in the meeting including the recent reduction in dropout rates and the fact that the graduation exam scores were the highest in the County. Mr. Baldwin also expressed his pride in the administrations support financially and otherwise of the local school system. Mr. Baldwin then presented the Police report for January 2005. The department had a total of 959 public contacts for the month including 473 calls for service, 459 officer initiated contacts, and 27 assisted motorists. There were 40 arrests including 31 misdemeanors and 9 felonies. Bill Baker asked the members to remember the family of Council Member Mary Bramblett whose husband passed away last week and to provide support in their time of need. Doug Goss congratulated Piedmont High School student John Givens on winning the State Wrestling Championship and added his condolences to the Bramblett family. Mr. Goss discussed a recent meeting with the staff of Congressman Mike Rodgers concerning appropriations funding and asked for support of the Council in such meetings.

In the Mayor's report Mayor Fagan also discussed the recent joint meetings with the Piedmont Health Care Authority and the City School Board. Mayor Fagan advised that such meetings were essential to assure that all parties were working toward the same goal of providing necessary services to the community and improving quality of life to its citizens as well as addressing problem areas before they become obstacles. The Mayor reported on the meeting with Congressman Rodgers staff and the funding requests submitted to the Congressman on behalf of the City. Mayor Fagan expressed his appreciation of the programs provided at the Senior Citizens Center and indicated his desire to expand and improve upon those programs in the future. The Mayor reminded the members and audience of recent changes in the Zoning Ordinance that allow for the addition of loft apartments in the downtown area and upgrades of manufactured housing where older mobile homes currently exist. Mayor Fagan asked that commercial property owners and residents take advantage of the new laws to improve housing availability and quality of life for residents.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:19pm.