

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 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 Council Members Bill Baker, Doug Goss, Eddie Baldwin, Kevin Farmer, Mary Bramblett, and Ed Hanson. Mayor Charles Fagan and Council Member John Lawrence were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker 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. Eddie Baldwin made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Kevin Farmer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$344,249.49 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker then called on the Clerk to present a proposal from Mountain View Hospital for expansion of services at the old Southside School facility. The Clerk advised that he had been contacted by Greg Smith of Mountain View with a proposal to expand services at the facility by adding two programs and renovating the facility to provide forty beds instead of the current sixteen. The proposed renovations have an estimated cost of \$200,000.00 and the company would require use of the entire facility for the expanded programs. The Clerk reviewed the current lease agreement, which expires in September 2005 and include an option for negotiation of a new lease or purchase of the facility within sixty days of the lease term and also provide for an increase in the lease payment in the event the company decides to use the entire facility. After discussion regarding the current and proposed expanded programs Mayor Pro Tem Baker called for a motion on the proposed expansion. Eddie Baldwin made the motion to approve the proposal. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the proposal was approved by the following roll call vote;

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ed Hanson Kevin Farmer Eddie Baldwin Doug Goss Bill Baker	Mary Bramblett	None

The Clerk then provided the Members with copies of pending legislation concerning municipalities and reviewed several of the issues of particular interest.

In Council Reports Ed Hanson announced a planning meeting on March 10th at 1:00pm regarding the annual July 4th event and discussed the Black History program held on Friday, February 25th at the Bethune Community Center. Doug Goss made a motion to have the City Clerk draft a letter for the Mayor and each Council Member to the Alabama Department of Transportation regarding the junk and litter which constantly surrounds the donation boxes on State right-of-ways at Hwy. 200 and Hwy. 278. Mr. Goss stated this has been a persistent problem and that calls and letters to the local D.O.T. office have yielded no results. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent. Bill Baker discussed the ongoing progress of the downtown TE projects and storefronts. Mr. Baker also expressed a desire to form a committee to obtain proposals for Christmas decorations for the downtown area.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Pro Tem Baker declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:20pm.