

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
APRIL 11, 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

The bills totaling \$94,654.46 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 with Ed Hanson abstaining.

In Board appointments Bill Baker nominated David Loy to fill the expired term of James Bennett on the Industrial Development Board. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and David Loy was appointed to the Industrial Development Board for a term ending November 11, 2009.

Mayor Fagan then called on Tara Reedy who presented the recommendations of the Christmas Decorations Committee. Mrs. Reedy provided the members with a detailed recommendation for decorations in the downtown business district including pictures of the proposed decorations and an itemized budget totaling \$24,876.00. Mrs. Reedy advised that the price quote was good until May 15th at which time costs would go up. The Council took no formal action at this time but generally agreed with the committee's recommendations. Mayor Fagan thanked the committee for their work on the proposal and advised the Council would take action on the recommendations in the very near future.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett expressed her appreciation for the efforts involved in getting the Sports Complex ready for opening day and of the large crowds who attended the games. Ed Hanson commented on the Eubanks Welcome Center report for March and reminded the audience of the events scheduled for the coming weekend including the Family Fun Ride and Clyde Pike dedication ceremony on Saturday the 16th and the Cheaha Challenge Bicycle Race on Sunday the 17th. Eddie Baldwin presented the Police Report for March advising that the department had a total of 1,059 public contacts during the month including 511 calls for service, 504 officer initiated calls and 44 assisted motorists. The Municipal Court receipts for the month totaled \$16,669.00. Doug Goss commented on the opening day events at the Sports Complex and thanked the Christmas Decorations Committee for their work and presentation.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan advised that the City had purchased two 2001 Ford Taurus automobiles to be used citywide for training, schools and other out-of-town trips in an effort to conserve fuel. The Mayor discussed ongoing efforts to get the necessary paperwork together in order to deed the vacant property adjacent to NAPA Auto Parts to the Commercial Development Authority for future development. Mayor Fagan advised that he had talked again with Buster Miles about his dilapidated property downtown and is cautiously optimistic that Mr. Miles may take some action regarding the property. The Mayor advised that increased attention will be given to retail and industrial recruitment this year in an effort to boost the economic growth of the City. Mayor Fagan discussed tentative plans for renovations at the Memorial Park, Downtown Mini-Park and Fagan's Park. The Mayor updated the audience on progress at the elementary school gym and advised that the delivery of the traffic light poles for downtown is scheduled for May 2nd.

Mayor Fagan discussed upcoming events including the Clyde Pike Civic Center dedication on Saturday, April 26th at 1:00pm and invited all residents and friends of Mr. Pike to attend the special event.

In Visitors comments Keith Word updated the members on the Clyde Pike Ceremony plans and continuing plans for the July 4th event. Floyd Jennings Jr. requested permission to use the municipal court complex for observance of National Prayer Day on May 5th. William Tidwell discussed an abatement issue at a structure adjacent to his residence. Mr. Canter requested the Council's consideration to de-annex his property from the city limits because he couldn't get his limbs picked up.

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