

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
APRIL 24, 2006
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, Eddie Baldwin, Bill Baker and Doug Goss. Council member Kevin Farmer 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. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$132,729.99 were then presented for consideration for payment. Doug Goss 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.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a Proclamation declaring May 2006 as National Foster Care Month in Piedmont and encouraging the community to help secure permanent loving homes for every child in Piedmont regardless of ethnic group, age, gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenges and past distress.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a Proclamation declaring May 14th to 20th, 2006 as Nursing Home Week in Piedmont and calling on all residents to see that every Nursing Home patient is remembered with a visit, a card, flowers or a small gift during the observance.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a Proclamation declaring April 2006 as Housing Authority Commissioners Month in Piedmont and urging all citizens to recognize the valuable contributions made by the Piedmont Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to the welfare of our community.

Mayor Fagan then presented a plaque to Keith Word recognizing Mr. Word's contributions and dedicated service to the community through his volunteer efforts and participation in other civic organizations.

In Board appointments Ed Hanson nominated Roland Cronan for reappointment to the Medical Clinic Board. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Roland Cronan was reappointed to the Medical Clinic Board by acclamation.

Ed Hanson then nominated Peggy Ammons for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Peggy Ammons was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments by acclamation.

Mayor Fagan then appointed Grace Adair to the Abatement Board.

In Council reports Ed Hanson made the motion that the City Clerk, Welcome Center Supervisor and Parks & Recreation Director develop a draft policy regarding overnight parking/camping at the Eubanks Welcome Center and Sports Complex. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation. Bill Baker applauded the efforts of city employees in preparation of the Sports Complex for Opening Day activities even though there had been sustained rain the night before. Mr. Baker advised that the event was once again successful due to the efforts of the employees. Doug Goss thanked the larger than normal audience for their attendance and requested their continued participation and support.

In new business the Clerk announced the winners of the annual Alabama Municipal Electric Authority Scholarships. Bryan Miller received the Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$4,375.00 and Jesus Alvarado received the Technical Scholarship in the amount of \$2,260.00. The scholarships are sponsored by AMEA and the City Electrical Utility and will be presented by the Clerk at the annual awards ceremony at Piedmont High School on May 11th.

In the Mayors report mayor Fagan discussed upcoming events including the Cheaha Challenge on May 7th, the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th and the Freedom Celebration on July 1st. The Mayor advised that Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley has confirmed her attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony in May. The Mayor discussed ongoing efforts of all municipal departments in conserving fuel due to the continuing increases in fuel costs and advised the Council that he and the Clerk were continually monitoring fuel usage by the various departments. The Mayor discussed priority projects for the Street and Maintenance departments for this spring and summer and reminded the Council that these departments were already far behind on scheduled projects due to previous projects at city schools.

There being no visitors comments and no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:34pm.