

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
MAY 14, 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 Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kevin Farmer, Eddie Baldwin and Doug Goss. Council Members John Lawrence and Bill Baker were 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. Ed Hanson made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$30,237.36 were then presented for consideration for payment. Eddie Baldwin made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Ordinance No. 567 was then presented for first reading. This ordinance adopts the State Sales Tax Holiday for 2007 during the period of August 3-5, 2007. The matter was tabled for second reading at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a proclamation declaring the week of May 14th to May 20th as "Nursing Home Week" in Piedmont. The proclamation urges all residents to join in an effort to see that every nursing home patient is remembered with a visit, a card, flowers or a small gift during the observance of nursing home week.

In other business Mayor Fagan advised that he has met with Mayor Smith of Jacksonville regarding funding needs for the continued operation of the Piedmont-Jacksonville Landfill. The Mayor reported that the landfill is currently losing money due primarily to the loss of several industrial customers who are taking their waste product elsewhere for cost savings. Mayor Fagan advised that the funding issue will need further study and discussion prior to the next fiscal budget.

The Mayor then discussed the issue of the Piedmont Athletic Booster Club decision to pay an invoice of \$16,525.56 to Young Oil which had previously been listed as an expense on the Club's reconciliation report but had not actually been paid. Mayor Fagan advised he had met with City Attorney Ron Allen about his concerns regarding the matter and that he and the City Attorney had discussed the matter with the Booster Club attorney. The Mayor stated that the City Attorney recommended canceling the Booster Club contract and possibly putting the concessions up for bid as well as the possibility of filing suit against the Booster Club. Mayor Fagan advised that he also discussed the matter with the Assistant District Attorney who advised him to get together the pertinent paperwork and bring it to the District Attorney's office for further investigation. The Mayor then asked for Council input on how to proceed. Council members Ed Hanson and Kevin Farmer voiced their opposition to pursuing the matter further. After several minutes of discussion on the matter there was no official action taken. The Clerk then advised that the next regular meeting date conflicts with the Memorial Day Holiday and requested input from the Council regarding a change of meeting date. After some discussion it was decided that the next regular meeting date would be changed to Thursday, May 31st with work session at 6:30pm and business meeting at 7:00pm.

The Clerk advised the members that the Zoning Board of Adjustments will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 14th at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to hear a zoning appeal from the property owner at 76 James Street.

The Clerk then requested confirmation on behalf of the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority as to the authorized Election Committee Member for the City of Piedmont. Eddie Baldwin made the motion that Ed Hanson remain as the Election Committee representative for the City. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation.

Doug Goss then made the motion to adopt the new fee structure for Parks & Recreation sports programs registration fees as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Director in the previous work session. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the new fee structure was adopted by unanimous consent with the written recommendations to be attached to the minutes.

In Council reports Ed Hanson commended the work of the cemetery maintenance workers and discussed the record participation in the recent Cheaha Challenge. Eddie Baldwin advised that five Piedmont area residents participated in the Cheaha Challenge and represented the area well. Mr. Baldwin also noted the return of Carl Hinton to the city staff as the new building inspector and code enforcement officer.

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