

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
MAY 2, 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, 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. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$224,703.37 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.

Mayor Fagan then called on the Clerk to read a proclamation declaring May 2006 as "Older Americans Month" in Piedmont. The proclamation deems it appropriate that we express our gratitude for the dedication of Older Americans as well as their accomplishments and sacrifices and that we set aside a time to bestow honor upon them as a treasured segment of our population.

The Council then considered bid submittals for an enclosed utility body for the Gas Department one-ton truck. Bids were received according to Alabama Law from Alabama Truck Body and Fontaine Truck Equipment Company. The bid from Alabama Truck Body was \$12,205.00 and Fontaine Truck Equipment bid \$9,975.00. The Clerk advised that both bids met the required specifications. Doug Goss made the motion to accept the low bid from Fontaine Truck Equipment. Bill Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

In new business the Clerk reminded the members that the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention would convene Saturday, May 6th and continue through Tuesday, May 9th. The Clerk discussed House Bill 228, which was passed by the legislature in April and declares a "tax free" weekend in August for school related items and requested the Council's input regarding whether the City will participate by abating local tax for the same period. After some discussion the matter was tabled for further consideration.

In Council reports Doug Goss expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the League of Municipalities Convention to discuss ideas and issues with other municipal officials.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan discussed the upcoming Cheaha Challenge event on Sunday May 7th and the related activities. Mayor Fagan also discussed the need to finish the project involving the City Schools in producing municipal information videos for visitors and commercial/industrial prospects. The Mayor advised that he would like to see a large informational map produced for visitors as well providing directions to local recreation facilities, eating establishments and emergency services locations. Mayor Fagan updated the progress on the regional airport and the industrial access grant application.

In visitors reports Keith Word discussed the upcoming ribbon cutting events for the Community Action Agency and Department of Human Resources satellite offices scheduled for May 11th at 1:30pm.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:28pm.