

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
MAY 22, 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. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$242,204.42 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 presented a Citizenship Award plaque to Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell. Mayor Fagan cited Mrs. Mitchell's involvement in many civic organizations and her contributions to the welfare of the community.

In Board appointments Bill Baker nominated Frank Douthit for a vacant position on the School Board due to the expiration of the term of Rick Glover. Doug Goss nominated Michael Downey for the position. John Lawrence made the motion that the nominations be closed and Ed Hanson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote for the nominations Bill Baker, Ed Hanson, Mary Bramblett and John Lawrence cast yes votes for Frank Douthit. Doug Goss, Eddie Baldwin and Kevin Farmer cast yes votes for Michael Downey. Frank Douthit was appointed to the School Board by majority consent.

Bill Baker then nominated Carlos Farmer for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Ed Hanson made the motion that the nominations be closed and Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion. Carlos Farmer was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments by unanimous consent.

In Council reports Doug Goss discussed the possibility of a future motion and referendum to provide for an elected rather than appointed school board and requested the Councils consideration of the matter. Bill Baker expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the annual League of Municipalities convention and the information he acquired while at the event. Eddie Baldwin also discussed the League convention and reviewed league legislation affecting the local area. Ed Hanson also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the convention. Mary Bramblett advised that she and Council member Farmer attended the Cheaha Challenge event on May 7<sup>th</sup> and praised the efforts of city employees for their hard work in putting on the event. Mrs. Bramblett also discussed attending a ceremony at the Nursing Home on May 15<sup>th</sup> where she and the City Clerk presented a proclamation on behalf of the City declaring "Nursing Home Week" in Piedmont.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan discussed the opportunity to share ideas and information with other elected officials at the convention as well as collect information from many vendors of products used or needed by the City. The Mayor then discussed the need to take action regarding the licensing and regulation of internet gaming as soon as possible to head off potential problems with vendors already requesting information about locating in the City. The Mayor reminded those present of the upcoming Memorial Day Event scheduled for Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the newly renovated Memorial Park. Mayor Fagan advised he had reviewed the draft of the financial statements and expressed his pleasure with the financial status of the City as well as the physical appearance of the City due to long-term abatement efforts. The Mayor discussed new housing development in the area as well as on-going efforts regarding retail and industrial development.

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 7:25pm.