

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
MAY 9, 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 with a name correction in the visitor's comments. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$126,404.25 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.

Lena Coogler of Extended Family Home Health Care in Oxford addressed the Council and requested assistance in locating a facility in Piedmont to provide an adult day care service. The company currently provides home care and personal care for homebound and invalid residents. The Council agreed to discuss Ms. Coogler's request and provide her with information on local buildings that may meet her requirements.

The Clerk then presented the Council with a budget report for the current fiscal year noting that revenues are currently slightly ahead of projections and expenditures are well below projections.

In new business the Council discussed the option of changing the existing utility policy to institute a "service charge" rather than deposit on new utility accounts and to refund existing deposits on current customer accounts to do away with the deposit requirement in the policy. Ed Hanson made the motion to change the policy to reflect the above changes. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

In the Mayor's report Mayor Fagan requested that property owners keep their grass cut and property maintained to avoid abatement violations and the administrative costs associated with those violations. The Mayor updated the Council on utility billing conversion progress and associated tasks.

In Council reports Ed Hanson advised that the swimming pool at the Clyde Pike Civic Center would open on May 26<sup>th</sup> after completion of repairs and painting. Mr. Hanson reviewed the Welcome Center report for April 2005 and related events and advised that the problem with softball officials had been resolved. Mr. Hanson also stated that construction of the soccer field at the complex is currently underway. Kevin Farmer requested an update regarding negotiations for purchase of the old PCA Insurance building next door to the Administrative offices. Mayor Fagan advised that an appraisal of the property had been requested but not yet received. Doug Goss reminded the members and audience that the Piedmont High School Honors program will be Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the High School auditorium.

In visitors comments Jackie Lockridge discussed an ongoing dispute with his neighbor. Piedmont Housing Authority Director Keith Word advised the Council of planned renovations in 125 housing units with a total cost of approximately \$1.6 million dollars. Mr. Word also gave a report from the Christmas Parade Committee.

Due to a conflict with the League of Municipalities convention the Council set the next regular meeting date for Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with the work session at 6:30pm and business meeting at 7:00pm. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:28pm.