

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
JUNE 11, 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 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$33,899.76 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 opened the session for a public hearing regarding the application for a Lounge Retail Liquor License application submitted by James R. Bishop, dba Yellow Moon Bar and Grill at 2780 Hwy. 278 West in the police jurisdiction of the City. The public hearing is held to allow opportunity for any citizens or adjacent landowners to speak in opposition or in favor of granting the requested license. The Clerk called on Mr. Bishop who presented documentation as required of notification of the public hearing to adjacent landowners. There being no questions or comments Mayor Fagan declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Fagan then called for action from the Council regarding the Lounge Retail Liquor License application from Mr. Bishop. Mary Bramblett made the motion to approve the application and license. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the application and license were approved by unanimous consent.

In Board appointments Doug Goss nominated Lewis Jennings for reappointment to the Commercial development. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Lewis Jennings was reappointed to the Commercial Development Authority by acclamation.

Mary Bramblett nominated Jackie Spears for appointment to the School Board and Doug Goss nominated Bruce Adderhold for appointment to the School Board. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the nominations were closed. Eddie Baldwin then made the motion to appoint Jackie Spears to the School Board. Bill Baker seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows;

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mary Bramblett	Ed Hanson	John Lawrence
Kevin Farmer	Doug Goss	
Eddie Baldwin		
Bill Baker		

Jackie Spears was appointed to the School Board by majority consent.

In other business the Clerk updated the Council on progress in the renovations at the Bethune Community Center. The Center has had a new roof installed and is currently having new siding installed. The Clerk also reminded those present that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Celebration will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett commented on the Bethune Center renovations and commended Director Tiny Lewis for her good work and dedication. Ed Hanson discussed attending the retirement event for AMEA CEO and President Bob Claussen in Montgomery on June 8<sup>th</sup> and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Claussen. Eddie Baldwin also discussed Bob Claussen's retirement event and gave some history of AMEA and its relationship to our power system. Mr. Baldwin commended the city administration that approved the City's participation in AMEA.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan discussed ongoing work toward completion of the Chief Ladiga Trail in Cleburne County and other Trail related issues. The Mayor also updated those present regarding progress on the Appalachian Highlands Scenic Byway project and discussed the upcoming Freedom Celebration.

Chief David Paslay provided a Police/Court report for the month of May 2007. The department had a total of 1,259 public contacts for the month including 520 calls for service, 55 assisted motorists and 49 arrests. The municipal court collected a total of \$16,852.57 for the month in various fines.

In visitors comments Keith Word updated the members on the agenda for the Freedom Celebration and Billy Studdard apologized to the members on behalf of the local D.A.V. Chapter for the lack notice regarding the recent Memorial Day service.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:27pm.