

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
JUNE 26, 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, Eddie Baldwin, Bill Baker and Doug Goss. Council Member Kevin Farmer was 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. 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 \$162,907.19 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 Ordinance No. 559 for first reading. This ordinance exempts certain "covered items" from sales and use tax during the first full weekend in August 2006 in accordance with Act # 2006-574 enacted by the State Legislature. Doug Goss made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 559. Bill Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Bill Baker then made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 559. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 559 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Fagan then presented Resolution No. 2006-001 for consideration. This resolution approves the local non-federal match for continuation of the Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation Program for fiscal year 2007. Doug Goss made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-001. John Lawrence seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2006-001 was adopted by unanimous consent.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan discussed upcoming Board appointments and expressed his appreciation for all those who serve on municipal boards. The Mayor advised that the Coca-Cola Foundation has donated \$100,000.00 for assistance in completing the Chief Ladiga Trail to the Georgia line and to build a rest area/welcome center at the state line. The project is expected to be completed in 2007. Mayor Fagan also updated the Council regarding progress on the Appalachian Highlands Scenic Byway Project. The Mayor announced that Jack's Restaurants has applied for permits to construct a new restaurant directly adjacent to the existing facility on Highway 278 bypass.

In Council reports Eddie Baldwin advised he had reviewed reports supplied by the Clerk regarding internet sweepstakes and felt like the ordinance previously adopted by the Council may be weak in light of other ordinances adopted in the area and the information supplied in the reports. Bill Baker discussed the new windows that have been installed on the first floor of the Civic Center and invited everyone to stop by and see the renovations.

In new business Doug Goss made the motion to petition the Alabama Legislature for a local legislation election to provide for an elected school board. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion was defeated by roll call vote as follows;

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Doug Goss	John Lawrence	None
Ed Hanson	Mary Bramblett	
	Eddie Baldwin	
	Bill Baker	

In visitors comments Herb Davis discussed the need to have an employee recognition event, possibly in conjunction with the July 1st event to recognize employees who perform over and above the requirements of their job specifications. Keith Word discussed the Freedom Celebration event scheduled for Saturday, July 1st.

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