

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
JULY 11, 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 Council Members Bill Baker, Doug Goss, Eddie Baldwin, Ed Hanson, Mary Bramblett and John Lawrence. Mayor Charles Fagan and Council Member Kevin Farmer were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker 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. Mary Bramblett 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 \$54,365.17 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker then called on Piedmont Housing Authority Director Keith Word for a presentation. Mr. Word and Mayor Pro Tem Baker presented Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Awards to seven students from the Housing Authority. The students were presented with gift certificates and savings bonds for their achievements.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett discussed the ongoing problem of an outdoor wood-burning furnace in her district. The Council members were presented with copies of legislation from other states and cities for review and the Clerk was instructed to provide copies to the City Attorney for further review and recommendations. Ed Hanson reported that the local girls 10 and under softball all-stars won the State championship and a local 9 and under team won a sportsmanship trophy. Mr. Hanson gave the Eubanks Welcome Center report for June 2005. The Center had a total of 225 registered visitors for the month. Mr. Hanson also thanked the city employees for their work and dedication during the annual Freedom Celebration and Hurricane Dennis emergency operations. Eddie Baldwin commended Chief Robert Holbrook and the Fire Department for their professional response to a fire at 128 Taylor Street. Mr. Baldwin reported that he had the opportunity to respond to the fire with Chief Holbrook and observe the firefighters and police officers as they handled the call. Mr. Baldwin stated that all responders acted professionally during the response and he was very appreciative of their efforts. Doug Goss also commended the city employees and volunteers who participated in the Freedom Celebration to make the event a success. Bill Baker echoed the comments of Mr. Goss and Mr. Hanson with regard to the Freedom Celebration and commented on efforts underway for the upcoming Christmas programs. Mr. Baker expressed his appreciations for the local shelters that opened during Hurricane Dennis and for the employees who responded during the emergency operations.

In visitors comments Keith Word discussed the events of the annual Freedom Celebration and Albert Coble commented on the outdoor furnace issue in Garners Subdivision.

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