

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
AUGUST 28, 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 Pro Tem Bill Baker, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Kevin Farmer, Eddie Baldwin, and Doug Goss. Mayor Charles Fagan and Council Member Ed Hanson 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. Doug Goss 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 \$127,093.38 were then presented for consideration for payment. Doug Goss 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 Pro Tem Baker then called on Lt. Richard Smith of the Calhoun/Cleburne County Drug Task Force. Lt. Smith provided a report of the task force activity in the Piedmont area and submitted a proposed resolution, which would provide for level funding of the task force in the amount of \$24,313.93 from Piedmont in FY2007. Lt. Smith answered questions from the Council and was advised that the request for funding would be reviewed during the ongoing budget process.

Sgt. David Kirk then presented an abatement update report to the Council. Sgt. Kirk advised that 101 abatement letters had been sent to property owners in the last twelve months regarding various nuisance issues. Sgt. Kirk also advised that three nuisance houses had been demolished in that period with three more houses and one commercial building presently being scheduled for demolition.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker then called on the Clerk for a bid review. The Clerk advised that bids were advertised on July 21, 2006 for a utility line truck and that bid requests were sent to three qualified bidders with a closing date of August 4, 2006. Qualified bids were received from Southland International Trucks at \$127,462.00 and Altec Industries at \$116,700.00 with both vendors meeting specifications. National Truck Sales submitted no bid. John Lawrence made the motion to accept the lowest bid meeting specifications. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the low bid from Altec Industries was approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker then called on the Clerk to present Ordinance No. 560 for second reading. This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 502 (Rubbish Collection) to more clearly define the term "contractor" and to allow the department head discretion to withhold pickup of rubbish if garbage or utility service invoices are past due. Eddie Baldwin made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 560. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Ordinance No. 560 was adopted by unanimous consent.

In other business Doug Goss made the motion to approve the purchase of a parcel of property adjacent to substation #1 for the negotiated price of \$2,000.00. The parcel is approximately 50' x 100' and is directly east of the substation. Kevin Farmer seconded the motion and the purchase was approved by acclamation.

In Council reports Eddie Baldwin discussed electrical power rate information learned at the AMEA sponsored meetings held in Montgomery last week. Mr. Baker advised that the City Clerk has been re-elected to the AMEA Board of Directors for another three year term and expressed his appreciation for the efforts involved on behalf of the City.

In visitors comments Chief David Paslay discussed his appreciation of the efforts of the Calhoun/Cleburne Drug Task Force in assisting the local department in areas other than just drug related enforcement.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Pro Tem Baker declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:31pm.