

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Doug Goss, Bill Baker, Eddie Baldwin, Kevin Farmer, Ed Hanson, Mary Bramblett and John Lawrence.

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 \$239,029.56 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 #551 for a second reading. This ordinance addresses a petition for annexation by the Calhoun County Economic Development Council of approximately 35 acres of land in the Industrial Park at the corner of Vigo Road and Vigo-Ladiga Road. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Ordinance #551. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Ordinance #551 was adopted by unanimous consent. The described property is to be zoned M-2, General Manufacturing.

Mayor Fagan then presented Resolution No. 2005-006. This resolution declares miscellaneous municipal property as surplus and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of the listed property. Doug Goss made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-006. Bill Baker seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2005-006 was adopted by unanimous consent.

In Board appointments Mary Bramblett nominated Jerry Harbour for a term on the Commercial Development Authority due to the expiration of the term of Dr. Duane Mohon in November 2005. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Bill Baker seconded the motion and Jerry Harbour was appointed to the Commercial Development Authority by acclamation.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett advised that First United Methodist Church was accepting donations of five-gallon buckets of cleaning supplies for distribution to Hurricane Katrina victims and encouraged participation in the relief efforts.

Ed Hanson then made a motion stating that due to the present gasoline crises the Council has decided that all city vehicles will be parked on city property when employees shift is over and that no vehicle will be carried home except the police and fire chiefs vehicles effective immediately. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried by majority consent with Kevin Farmer and Eddie Baldwin voting against the motion. Mr. Hanson then gave the Chief Ladiga Welcome Center report for August stating that there were 176 visitors for the month. Mr. Hanson advised that the Parks & Recreation committee would be meeting with the new Director on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00pm.

Eddie Baldwin stated that he has had many positive comments regarding the new look of the downtown area and expressed appreciation of the Council's involvement in the progress. Bill Baker made the motion that the lease with Mountain View be terminated and that the City Clerk send the necessary letter informing Mountain View that they have the required number of days specified in the lease to vacate the building. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried by majority consent with Eddie Baldwin voting against the motion.

Doug Goss advised he had gone by the museum and the old loading platform was in bad shape and there was a window in need of repair as well and requested some renovation on the facility when time permits. Mr. Goss also expressed his concern and compassion for the hurricane evacuees.

In visitors comments Herb Davis cautioned the Council regarding the consequences of parking the city vehicles. Billy Studdard also expressed his concern regarding parking the vehicles and the potential problems involved with utility and police emergencies. Crystal Brown also voiced her concern over the change in procedure and its effect on the employees involved.

Billy Studdard then presented recommendations from the local Disabled American Veterans organization for new monuments for the Memorial Park renovations. The proposed cost of the monuments and flagpoles is \$6,432.00 to be paid from monies donated for the project. Kevin Farmer made the motion to approve the purchase of the monuments and flagpoles as recommended. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:24pm.