

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 25, 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, 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. Doug Goss seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation.

The bills totaling \$102,356.60 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment as presented by acclamation.

Mayor Fagan then called on City Schools Superintendent Matt Akin who presented the annual "State of the Schools" report. Mr. Akin conducted a presentation, which included information regarding testing results for city schools in a comparative fashion with other schools in the area. Mr. Akin also discussed the financial progress made in local schools in recent years and credited the administration with construction project assistance and financial assistance that has contributed to the schools stability. Mr. Akin thanked the Council for their support of City schools and answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

Resolution No. 2006-008 was then presented for Council consideration. This resolution adopts the municipal budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. Bill Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-008. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Resolution No 2006-008 was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Clerk then presented a bid review for a new fire truck. Bid advertisements and specifications were sent to prospective bidders on August 28, 2006 with a bid opening date of September 18, 2006. The City received letters of "no bid" from Sunbelt and ProFire and a bid of \$303,053.00 from NAFECO. Mayor Fagan recommended that the bids be tabled for further review. Bill Baker made the motion to table the bids for further review until the next meeting on October 9th. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation.

In Board appointments Ed Hanson nominated Jennifer Young and Terry Kiser for reappointment to new terms on the Parks and Recreation Board. Bill Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Doug Goss seconded the motion and Jennifer Young and Terry Kiser were reappointed to new five-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Board by acclamation.

Ed Hanson then nominated Cynthia Baker for a term on the Cemetery Board replacing the expired term of Sandra Keener. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Cynthia Baker was appointed to a four-year term on the Cemetery Board by acclamation with Bill Baker abstaining.

In other business the Clerk reviewed options for revenue administration. Administrative staff has determined that Black Mountain software would be unable to install and convert files for new sales tax and business license administration in time for business license renewals this year. This would leave the option of retaining the existing Local Government software, which has not yet been converted, or retain AlaTax for revenue administration and debt collection services. Bill Baker made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with AlaTax for revenue administration and debt collection services for a period of one-year at which time the Council will review the options again. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried by acclamation.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett expressed her appreciation for the information supplied by Superintendent Akin and advised that a progressive school system is also an important asset in recruitment of commercial and industrial prospects. Ed Hanson expressed his appreciation of the large audience present and reminded them of the regular meeting dates. Bill Baker commended the efforts of department heads and administrative staff for their efforts in producing the FY2006/2007 budget. Doug Goss expressed his appreciation of all those involved in the renovation of the football field at Piedmont High School and the community support of the efforts of the Council.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan voiced his appreciation for the community support shown by the large audience present and his hopes for continued participation by citizens in Council meetings.

There being no visitor's comments and no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:44pm.