

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY OF PIEDMONT, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 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. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented by majority consent with Doug Goss voting no.

The bills totaling \$532,762.63 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett 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 called on the Clerk to present a financial summary of the current fiscal year. The Clerk provided a written summary to the Council members indicating that total revenues were in excess of budget projections and total expenditures were below budget projections for the fiscal year through August 31, 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-007 was then presented for consideration. This resolution adopts the proposed municipal budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. Bill Baker made the motion that Resolution No. 2005-007 be tabled in order to conduct an additional work session to address the concerns of Mayor Fagan regarding the proposed budget. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation. The work session was set for Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

In Board appointments Ed Hanson nominated Dennis Ragsdale, Calvin Houston and Randy Brown for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. Doug Goss made the motion that the nominations be closed. Bill Baker seconded the motion and Dennis Ragsdale, Calvin Houston and Randy Brown were reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Board by acclamation with Kevin Farmer voting no.

Mayor Fagan then called on Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell to address the Council. Mrs. expressed her disappointment in the Council actions on September 12, 2005 regarding parking of city vehicles and termination of the lease with Mountain View Hospital. Mrs. Mitchell voiced her appreciation for the progress attained in the City in the last four years with respect to finances, downtown renovations, commercial recruitment and abatement and asked that the Council continue to work together with the Mayor for continued progress.

Mayor Fagan then called on Jana Ooten to address the Council on behalf of Mountain View Hospital. Mrs. Ooten discussed her concern with the action of the Council regarding termination of the lease with Mountain View Hospital and cited her attempts to resolve issues concerning disruptive students from Mountain View who are enrolled in local schools. Mrs. Ooten expressed her appreciation of local teachers who have worked with her and the students in that effort. Mrs. Ooten requested that the Council consider the financial impact of the termination as well as the impact on the children involved in the Mountain View program.

In Council reports Mary Bramblett made a motion to approve the expenditure of approximately \$50,000.00 to purchase new 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading textbooks for City Schools. Bill Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority consent with Doug Goss voting no.

Ed Hanson made a motion to adopt the proposed Civic Center membership rate adjustment presented by the Parks & Recreation Director. After questions and discussion by Mr. Lawrence, Bill Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation. Mr. Hanson also discussed the improved inventory storage area at the Civic Center.

In the Mayors report Mayor Fagan discussed his reasoning for rescinding the Council order to park City vehicles after regular shifts. The Mayor advised that he had done extensive research on the matter and had come to the conclusion that the benefit far outweighed the cost in accelerated emergency response times and employee dedication. The Mayor advised that he had researched other cost cutting measures to offset the issue and made the motion that Council members waive their City paid expenses other than registration fees with regard to conventions and training to include mileage, meals and hotel expense. Kevin Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed with majority consent with John Lawrence and Ed Hanson voting no. Mayor Fagan then addressed the Council action regarding termination of the lease with Mountain View Hospital. The Mayor expressed his opposition to the action and the reasons for it including his opinion that it was improper to remove the associated problems from our local schools and pass them on to some other community. The Mayor stated that the major impact of the decision was on the children involved but that the Council also needed to consider the financial impact to the City in lost revenue and increased costs associated with the termination of the lease. The Mayor briefly discussed the requirements of the new Open Meetings Law, which becomes effective October 1, 2005. The Mayor expressed his appreciation and pride in the accomplishments of the last and current administration but advised that there was much work yet to be done and expressed his hopes that the administration would continue to work together to accomplish its goals. The Mayor discussed the need for continued progress in the areas of paving, drainage and abatement as well as the need for the administration and the citizens to portray a positive image of the City to commercial and industrial prospect and visitors.

In visitors comments there was general discussion regarding the Council actions relating to parking of city vehicles and the Mountain View issue. The Council heard comments from Herb Davis, Terry Conaway and a special educator regarding these issues and others.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting in recess until Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 6:00pm

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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, Bill Baker and Doug Goss. Council Member Eddie Baldwin was absent.

Mayor Fagan declared a quorum present and reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Fagan then presented Resolution No. 2005-008 for consideration. This resolution adopts rate schedule adjustments for the water and sewer systems and gives the Utility Board the authority to adjust gas rates based on market cost to include a margin as established by the City Council. Kevin Farmer made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-008. John Lawrence seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2005-008 was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mayor Fagan then presented Resolution No. 2005-007. This resolution adopts the municipal budget as presented for fiscal year 2005-2006. Bill Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-007. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Resolution No. 2005-007 was adopted by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time Mayor Fagan declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 6:14pm.