The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Doug Dickeson, Greg South, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser. Matt Rogers was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Doug Dickeson and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling $605,142.80 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2020-24 which is an abatement to cut the grass at 207 McKee St. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-24. Ben Keller seconded the motion and Resolution 2020-24 was adopted unanimously.

Next Greg South made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget for the city. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the 2020-2021 budget was approved unanimously.

Next the Mayor informed the council that the Planning Commission Board needed three new members due to one members term ending and two members who have passed away. Terry Kiser made a motion to replace one member with Adam Holcomb. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Doug Dickeson made a motion to replace the administrative member with Greg South. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Ben Keller made a motion to replace the remaining member with Bobby Hardin. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Mary Bramblett made a motion to uphold the vote of the Planning Commission that is working with East Alabama Planning to make Piedmont a Trail Town. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor’s Comments Brandon Collins approached the council about moving out his old trailer and replacing it with a new one. He was informed that he would need to meet with the Planning Commission first.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked about getting bleachers at Bethune. He also said he had enjoyed his time on the council and serving with everyone.

Mary Bramblett asked for prayers for her son Horace Bramblett for a procedure he will be having.

Doug Dickeson asked about the stop signs on Main St.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor’s Comments the Mayor announced a Trump Rally to be held downtown on October 24th. He asked for a motion to allow the rally. Doug Dickeson made a motion to allow the rally in downtown Piedmont. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Mayor also announced the downtown trick or treat would be on Halloween and be held from 4 to 6.

With no other business to come before the council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Nadine Franklin