

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
11-17-2020  
6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Bill Baker, Council Members John Lawrence, Richard Williams, Jubal Feazell, Caleb Pope, Greg South, David Ivey and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$958,290.94 were then presented for consideration for payment. Jubal Feazell made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor called on Matt Rogers to speak about the Pinhoti Trail. Matt said that a few years ago he started the Piedmont Trail Club in the area to promote the Pinhoti Trail. He said that now Piedmont will be one of Alabama's Pinhoti Trail Towns. He also said he plans to have events such as festivals in the spring to further promote the location.

Next on the agenda the Mayor asked for a motion to re-appoint the Public Defender for the City of Piedmont. Greg South made a motion to re-appoint Richard Couch to serve as the Public Defender for the city. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to re-appoint the City Attorney for the City of Piedmont. Jubal Feazell made a motion to re-appoint Ron Allen to serve as the City Attorney for the city. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration for Resolution 2020-26 which is an abatement for 0 Hughes St. for grass cutting. Richard Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2020-26 was voted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2020-27 which is an abatement on 136 Haslam St. for grass cutting. David Ivey made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-27. John Lawrence seconded the motion and Resolution 2020-27 was approved unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police report for the month of October 2020. Officers had 1338 total contacts with the public. There were 11 felony arrests, 41 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 9 drug arrests, 7 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, 11 court/warrant arrests and 2 other agency arrest. There were 34 citations written, 5 accident reports, and 28 motorist assists. There was 1 violent crime reported, 1 burglary reported, 10 thefts reported, 23 cases investigated and 98 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$16,487.99 in fines for the month of October 2020.

The Chief gave the Piedmont Nuisance & Abatement report for the month of October, 2020. There were 22 total cases, 8 total new cases, 7 cases being processed, 10 cases completed, 7 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

The Chief then gave the Animal Control report for the month of October, 2020. There were 13 calls for service, 1 investigation/court cases, 22 animals picked up, 7 animals taken to the shelter and 15 reclaimed by owner.

In Council Reports John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell thanked the Water and Gas department for making the needed repairs to Woodland Circle and Linda St.

Caleb Pope thanked Matt Rogers for all his hard work on the Pinhoti Trail Association.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey said in July that they were told CVG was closing and at the time they started working with some state programs like East Alabama Works, Gadsden State Community College and JSU for job placement, training and education. He said that recently they were told that they would stay open with a new product line.

Terry Kiser wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to wear a mask and be careful.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor announced the Veterans marker dedication on November 21, 2020 at 10:00 am. He said that Burger King is moving equipment in and he was told that after starting it would be 90 days until completion. He said the Dollar General on Memorial Dr. is almost completed.

The Mayor then asked the Council for a motion to replace Lin Lata on the Commercial Development Authority. He said that Lane Weatherbee had asked the Council to consider Mary Bramblett to serve on the board. Terry Kiser made the motion to appoint Mary Bramblett to the board. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Caleb Pope.

With no other business to come before the Council John Lawrence made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.