

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
3-16-2021
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 Baker, Council Members Richard Williams, Jubal Feazell, Greg South, David Ivey, Terry Kiser.
John Lawrence and Caleb Pope were absent from the meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a city property matter. Jubal Feazell made the motion to go into Executive Session. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the mayor asked the city clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Richard Williams	none	none
Jubal Feazell		
Greg South		
David Ivey		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. The Mayor informed the audience that the meeting would resume immediately after.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order.

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. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$407,567.04 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

After some discussion David Ivey made a motion to lease the city owned office building on Rome Ave. to Jordan LLC., a counseling service for a monthly amount of \$350.00 for the first year and \$500.00 starting the second year. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the mayor asked the city clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YAYS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Richard Williams	none	none
Jubal Feazell		
Greg South		

David Ivey
Terry Kiser
Mayor Baker

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to lease the building to Jordan Counseling LLC.

Next Mayor Baker asked for consideration of Resolution 2021-03 which allows the Centre, Piedmont, Cherokee County Airport to transfer \$2,474.00 of funds from a 2018 AIP Grant that was recovered during the closeout of the grant. The Airport District Officer would like to transfer the funds to another eligible airport in the State of Alabama instead of the national pot of money. Richard Williams made the motion to allow the transfer of funds. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Jubal Feazell made the motion to contract with Montgomery Ponder LLC to represent the City of Piedmont in the opioid lawsuit for damages sustained. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Mike Ledbetter asked the council for permission to build a live fire training facility located in a vacant area of the sports complex. The total cost should not exceed \$50,000.00 and will be paid out of the fire tax fund. This will give the city extra ISO credit and meet the National Fire Protection Association 1402 standard for training. Jubal Feazell made the motion to allow the chief to build the training facility. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of February, 2021. Officers had 1199 total contacts with the public. There were 13 felony arrests, 64 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrests, 23 drug arrests, 9 crimes against persons arrests, 4 theft arrests, 22 court/warrants arrests and 9 other agency arrests. There were 51 citations, 6 accident reports and 22 motorist assists. There was 1 violent crime reported, 1 burglary reported, 4 thefts reported, 19 cases investigated and 113 I/O, arrest reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$17,138.00 in fines for the month of February, 2021.

The Chief gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of February, 2021. There were 25 total cases. 11 total new yard cases, 15 cases being processed, 4 cases completed, 2 contracts on structure, 3 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Animal Control report for the month of February, 2021. There were 9 calls for service, 1 investigation, 28 animals picked up, 7 animals taken to the shelter and 21 reclaimed by owner.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Henry Nuttall donated his annual \$150.00 for public safety.

In Council Reports Richard Williams reminded everyone that the Throttle Kings would be at Fagan Park on Saturday.

Jubal Feazell asked for an update on the garbage truck.

Greg South said he hoped that Jordan Counseling is successful.

David Ivey thanked Jordan Counseling for coming to Piedmont and wished them success. He also asked for an update of the sports complex light.

Terry Kiser thanked Chief Ledbetter for the fire training facility.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor re-appointed Mr. Mac Singleton to the Piedmont Housing Authority Board to serve another term.

With no other business to come before the council Greg South made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.