

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
APRIL 20TH, 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 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. David Ivey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$570,764.23 were then presented for consideration. Greg South 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 asked for nominations for the Piedmont School Board. Terry Kiser nominated Mr. Lin Latta to serve another term on the board. John Lawrence seconded the nomination and with no more nominations John Lawrence made a motion that the nominations be closed. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
John Lawrence	NONE	NONE
Richard Williams		
Jubal Feazell		
Caleb Pope		
Greg South		
David Ivey		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to reappoint Mr. Lin Latta to the Piedmont School Board to serve another term.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to discuss the need for patrol cars for the police department. Chief Norton gave the council estimates from Stivers Prattville CD JR for 2021 Dodge Durango at \$41,891.58 per vehicle and 2021 Dodge Chargers at \$33,922.27 per vehicle. After some discussion Greg South made the motion to purchase 3 of the 2021 Dodge Chargers for the police department. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

At this time Jubal Feazell made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the vacancy of the Electrical Superintendent job following the retirement of Casey Ponder. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the City Clerk did a roll call and the vote was as follows:

YAYS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
John Lawrence	NONE	NONE
Richard Williams		
Jubal Fezell		
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 reconvene after the Executive Session.

The council meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm after the Executive Session.

Next Caleb Pope made the motion to hire M & T lawncare to cut the grass at the Highland Cemetery and the Chief Ladiga Trail. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of March, 2021. Officers had 1299 contacts with the public. There were 26 felony arrests, 77 misdemeanor arrests, 5 DUI arrests, 29 drug arrests, 5 crimes against persons arrests, 3 theft arrests, 24 court / warrant arrests and 16 other agency arrests. There were 86 citations written, 7 accident reports and 26 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 2 burglaries reported, 6 thefts reported, 24 cases investigated and 117 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$24,278.14 in fines for the month of March 2021. The Chief gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of March 2021. There were 27 total cases, 11 total yard cases, 18 cases being processed, 10 cases completed, 2 contracts on structure, 1 court appearance and 1 verbal contract.

The Chief then gave the animal control report for the month of March 2021. There were 10 calls for service, 1 investigation, 21 animals picked up, 9 taken to the shelter and 12 reclaimed by owner.

In Visitor's Comments Ashley Jones with the Piedmont Arts and Entertainment Committee informed the council that a Memorial Day festival would be held on May 29th, 2021 in downtown Piedmont.

In Council Reports John Lawrence said that he appreciated Captain Don Glover and his service to the Piedmont community. He also said that Caton Street alley needed a no Thru Traffic sign.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Fezell had no report.

Caleb Pope congratulated Captain Don Glover on his retirement from the Piedmont Police Department.

Greg South congratulated Captain Don Glover on his retirement.

He also said that he would like to look into the laws about golfcarts in the city limits.

David Ivey congratulated Don Glover and said that he was well respected in the Piedmont community.

He also asked about having electronic workorders instead of paper copies.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor also congratulated Captain Don Glover on his retirement and said he was well liked in the community. He also said that the school would be letting him know in the next few days about moving the head start trailers to the school.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin also congratulated Captain Glover on his retirement and said she had enjoyed working with him for many years and appreciated his dedication to the City of Piedmont.

With no other business to come before the council Greg South made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.