

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

Following the invocation given by John Lawrence 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 minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$437,294.48 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. David Ivey seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2021-15 which is a resolution authorizing the use of excess levelization rider funds retained by the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority to support the installation of an advanced utility metering infrastructure system. John Lawrence made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-15. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and Resolution 2021-15 was adopted unanimously.

The mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2021-16 which would be a ten-year comprehensive plan for the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser made the motion that Resolution 2021-16 be adopted. David Ivey seconded the motion and Resolution 2021-16 was adopted unanimously.

Next a representative from East Alabama spoke to the council about a \$40,000.00 grant that could be used for lighting at the sports complex. The grant is an 80/20 match. Greg South made a motion to allow East Alabama to apply for the grant on behalf of the city. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Freddie Norton spoke to the council concerning the investigation questions that were asked to the employees of the Piedmont Police Department about him. He gave a response to the questions and shared his feelings and concerns with the council.

Misty Shell spoke to the council about her dog being attacked and killed by an aggressive dog that had been abandoned by the owner. She urged the council to allow the animal control officer and police officers to be able to have a tranquilizer gun for aggressive animals.

Terry Kiser made the motion to allow interim Chief Johnson to order new vests for the officers at the police department. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Kiser made a motion to change the August 3rd council meeting date due to a critical incident training at the Piedmont High School that the council had been asked to participate in. The meetings will be held on August 17th and August 31st. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams had no report.

Caleb Pope advised to social distance because the new variant is twice as contagious as the Covid 19.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey had no report.

Terry Kiser asked the council to consider giving the employees money from the American Rescue Plan Covid 19 funds that the city received. He also said that the fire department has a night shift and should be considered for differential pay like the police department. He also suggested using the Covid 19 money to pave the track at the Veterans Park.

With no other business to come before the council Greg South made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. David Ivey seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.