

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
OCTOBER 5, 2021  
6:03 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, 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. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the minutes carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$210,677.50 were then presented for consideration for payment. Jubal Feazell made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next order of business was Resolution 2021-24 which is a grass abatement at 303 Harris Ave. Richard Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-24. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business was Resolution 2021-25 which is a grass abatement at 140 Old Ladiga Road. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-25. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business was Resolution 2021-26 which is a grass abatement at 0 Ladiga Road. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-26. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2021-27 which is surplus lighting, camping pedestals, and brick pavers. Greg South made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-27. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then discussed the fees for Abatement. The Council asked for a Resolution to be prepared at the next meeting. The cost will increase to \$1.75 per square foot per house. The cost will be \$2 per square foot plus the dump fee at Three Corners for burned houses. There will be NO Commercial building removal. The City will reserve the right to demolish the structures.

The next item was the discussion of adopting the 2021-2022 Budget with the figures that were presented in the Council packet. Jubal Feazell made the motion to approve the new budget. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor reports Terry Batey of the Piedmont Arts and Entertainment Committee spoke of upcoming events. There will be a movie night on October 9 at Fagan's Park and downtown festival on October 30 from 10 am to 4 pm. Their next meeting will be on October 14 at 6:30 pm at the DAV.

In Council Reports John Lawrence was absent.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell was proud to see the budget pass.

Caleb Pope just wanted to remind everyone about Homecoming on Friday night. He announced the band competition on Saturday. He said the Covid numbers were coming down. Please continue to wear a mask and wash your hands.

Greg South wanted to appreciate everyone that decorated for Halloween. He is glad to see several of the abatement properties being cleaned up. He made a motion to rescind the mask ordinance, but did not get a second.

David Ivey had no report.

Terry Kiser made mention of the pros and cons for the vaccination. He said if more people are vaccinated we may be able to get rid of the mask.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed everyone that our downtown looked very good. He appreciated the Council working together to pass the budget. He thanked Terry and Ashley of the Arts and Entertainment Committee for attending the meeting. He wanted to remind everyone about the homecoming parade and football game. He told the Council they need to be thinking on how the City would like to help the Piedmont Veterans Association.

With no other business to come before the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Greg South seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.