

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021  
5:51 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, Jubal Feazell, Caleb Pope, Greg South, David Ivey, and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Greg South and the pledge of allegiance to the flag by Mayor Baker, 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 \$277,571.19 were then presented for consideration for payment. David Ivey made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next order of business was Resolution 2021-34 which was mac book surplus for the police department. Richard Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-34. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2021-35. This resolution was approving the application for the Airport Rescue Grant. Greg South made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-35. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the rezoning of the property on Katoma Creek Road from RR to AG. Terry Kiser made the motion to rezone the property. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked the Council how much money they would like to contribute to the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Major Crimes Unit. Terry Kiser made the motion to contribute \$6000 to the Crimes Unit payable in January 22'. This will only be a one-time contribution. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Cycling Resource & Consulting Agreement. Jubal Feazell made the motion to approve the agreement with the additional clause saying that if the race was cancelled before the date of the last payment then the City would not pay the final invoice of \$5000. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked the Council to submit names for vacant Board appointments at the next Council Meeting. The City Clerk will check on requirements for the new board appointments. The names of Russ Gilley, Ricky Freeman, and Judy Freeman will be candidates for new board appointments.

The Mayor then read the Alabama Farm-City Week 2021 Proclamation to the Council and audience.

During the Police report given by Chief Nathan Johnson, he submitted to Mayor and Council the figures for salary increase for the Police Department. The Mayor asked the Council to study these figures and hope to have a plan of action at the next Council meeting. Jubal Feazell asked that this be put on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. Chief Johnson asked permission from the Council to send Christian Crider to the Police Academy. Richard Williams made to motion to send Crider to the Academy. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Then Chief Johnson asked Council about Gary McCurdy as being the Chaplin. Greg South made the motion to make Gary McCurdy as Chaplin. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There were no visitor comments.

In Council Reports John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams wanted to thank Chief Nathan Johnson for the hard work and effort in providing three figures for salary increase.

Jubal Feazell also wanted to thank Chief Nathan Johnson for the hard work in finding monies in the budget to save money.

Caleb Pope wanted to thank Chief Johnson for his hard work in preparing the salary increase options. He also wanted to thank Greg South for the work on the proposed new mobile app. He also wanted to thank the Piedmont High students in helping with the Walkability project.

Greg South wanted to also thank Chief Johnson for his hard work. He also wanted to thank the City employees and to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

David Ivey wanted to thank the Chief Johnson for the work on the salary increase figures. He is getting positive feedback from citizens about how good the downtown is looking and the new businesses that are opening.

Terry Kiser also wanted to thank Chief Johnson and the Police department.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor wanted to echo the Council on thanking Chief Nathan Johnson on work done for the salary increase. He wanted to let the Council know that Jay Baxter will be coming to

the work session on December 7 to talk about the Piedmont mobile app. He wanted to remind everyone of the three week lapse until the next Council meeting. There will be a Thanksgiving luncheon and Safety Meeting at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 24. Piedmont Bulldogs will play Winfield on Friday night. Go Dawgs! The Mayor wanted to tell how successful the Walkability Program was. There was great participation and a big turnout. He also wanted to thank all the Council for all their hard work. He also wanted to thank Wayne Turner and Michelle Cospers for coming to the public hearing for the rezoning of their property.

With no other business to come before the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.