

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
DECEMBER 7, 2021
5:59 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 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 carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$530,585.68 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next order of business was Board Appointments. Terry Kiser made the motion to appoint Ricky Freeman to the PARD board. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the appointment carried unanimously. David Ivey made the motion to appoint Judy Freeman to the Cemetery Board and Russ Gilley to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the appointments carried unanimously. Richard Williams made the motion to appoint Brent Morrison and Lee Hubbard to the Airport Authority. David Ivey seconded the motion and the appointment carried unanimously.

The next item was the Employee Pay Raise / Rescue Act Incentive. John Lawrence made the motion to approve \$2 per hour for all police department employees including dispatchers, ACO, and abatement. All other employees will receive \$1.50 per hour. The cost differential for the police will be stopped and a hiring freeze will be in place after its passage. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Richard Williams made the motion to approve the Rescue Act Incentive for employees which is \$500 for full time employees and \$250 for part time. This money will come out of the Rescue Act Fund. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor comments Dani Jo Rogers asked the Council if she could host a Festival downtown on April 9, 2022 to benefit Lisa Davis, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Greg South made the motion to approve the festival. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Ashlee Jones from the Arts and Entertainment Committee told about the upcoming downtown festival which will be Saturday, December 11 from 11-3. The parade will follow at 4 pm. There will be a Christmas lighting contest on December 18 at 6 pm.

In Council Reports John Lawrence wanted to thank the Twisted Brotherhood for the donation to the Police Department. He was also glad that the Council could help the employees with a raise and Rescue Act incentive.

Richard Williams wanted to congratulate the Bulldogs on winning the 3A State Championship. He would like to echo what John said about the Twisted Brotherhood and employee raises.

Jubal Feazell also wanted to congratulate the Bulldogs, cheer leaders, and band on their accomplishments. He also wanted to thank the Street Department for completing several work orders that he submitted. He wanted to thank the police and admin for preparing budget numbers for allowing employees to be eligible for the raises.

Caleb Pope wanted echo what districts 1 – 3 have said. He wants to thank City employees for all the hard work.

Greg South wanted to show appreciation to all the businesses and citizens in making Piedmont great. He also wanted to thank all employees on the work they do.

David Ivey wanted to echo what all other districts have mentioned tonight. He also wanted to thank the Twisted Brotherhood for the donation. Congratulations to the Bulldogs. He spoke with Ben Singleton and we should have update on the dash board from Wide Net dealing with work orders.

Terry Kiser also wanted to thank echo what the Council had said. Terry Kiser made a motion to change the next meeting date from 12/21/21 to 12/14/21. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Terry Kiser also asked to change the mask mandate that was in place to Mask Recommended. Richard Williams made the motion to change the mask mandate to mask recommended. Greg South seconded the motion and a roll call vote was done.

John Lawrence – yes

Richard Williams – yes

Jubal Feazell – yes

Caleb Pope – no

Greg South – yes

David Ivey – yes

Terry Kiser – yes

Mayor Baker - yes

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said he was glad he could help ALL employees. He appreciated the Twisted Brotherhood for donation to Police. He wanted to congratulate the Piedmont football team, coaches, band, and cheerleaders for winning 3A State Championship. We will look in to getting new signage for the Bulldogs. The Downtown festival will be from 11 am to 3 pm with the parade following at 4 pm.

With no other business to come before the Council, Greg South made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. David Ivey seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.