CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

MARCH 7, 2023

5:58 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 and the pledge of allegiance given 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 were approved. John Lawrence and Caleb Pope abstained.

The bills totaling \$322,720.06 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment. Jubal Feazell requested the football ad be updated for WEIS radio.

The next item on the agenda was the Housing Authority Appointment. This is a Mayor appointment. The Mayor appointed Debra Ledbetter to a new term.

The amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include NO primitive living in a tent was tabled to the next meeting.

The Cemetery and Chief Ladiga Trail bids were the next item on the agenda. Greg South made the motion to bid out the trail and cemetery. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Charlie Decelle was next on the agenda. Caleb Pope made the motion to allow Mr. Decelle to open up an office on Seaboard Avenue. He deals with roll-on and lotions made with hemp oil. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Digital Detective is a software program to assist Police Department in day to day operations. Richard Williams made the motion to purchase Digital Detective for \$750 per month. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Council asked to see if Rescue Money could be used.

There were two visitor comments showing concern for the tent problem we are having in the City.

Council Reports, John Lawrence had NO report.

Richard Williams wanted to thank those that helped with Complex Lighting Project. He also wanted to look at upgrading and repairing weight room equipment. .

Jubal Feazell reported that ROW trimming had been done in his neighborhood. He also wanted to thank all involved in the light project.

Caleb Pope had NO report.

Greg South reported he would like for the Council to look deeper before making decisions to change existing ordinances.

David Ivey had NO report.

Terry Kiser reported that we already have laws and ordinances on the books. We need to use the resources that we have before making changes.

Clerk Hinton had three items on his agenda. The Complex lights were completed. We will offer a tour of them after the Council meeting. The time frame on the two mobile structures has expired. Gov Deals will mark them as sold and picked up and then relist for two more weeks with hopes they will sell again. Clerk Hinton then presented Resolution 2023-02. This came from East Alabama because of funding changes with the Trail paving grant. Jubal Feazell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. David Ivey seconded the motion and the Resolution passed.

In the Mayor's report, he reported to set your clocks forward for Daylight Savings time which will occur on Saturday night. He gave a reminder that the paving grants are still pending. He also mentioned to the Council about the road in front of Burger King. A decision will need to be made soon on how to move forward. Ron Allen is doing a title search on the property. He reported the cold mix is being put out as needed. In closing, he wanted to let the Council know of the upcoming ALM convention in Birmingham. It is May 10-13, 2023. Please see Patti Byers if interested in going.

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 6:48 pm.