

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
MAY 16, 2023
5:33 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 David Ivey 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. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$378,959.98 were then presented for consideration for payment. Jubal Feazell made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next item on the agenda was the tax and license auditing services and collections by AVENU. Jubal Feazell made the motion to enter in a contract for their services with AVENU. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next item was Resolution 2023-07. Greg South made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After the Police and Fire Reports were given, the Mayor asked for Visitor comments. There were NO visitor comments.

In Council Reports, John Lawrence wanted to thank Chief Johnson and his staff for all the hard work they do.

Richard Williams appreciates Chief Johnson and his officers for the work they do. He also thanked Chief Johnson for securing the JAG grant for \$24,000.

Jubal Feazell presented a packet for a bronze hollow stump to be placed at the courtyard by the gazebo. The quotes ranged from \$20,000 to \$45,000. He wants the Council to look over the quotes and would like it on the agenda next meeting.

Caleb Pope also thanked Chief Johnson and his officers for the great job they do. He also wanted to thank Terry and Ashley for the hard work they did for the car show. In closing, he mentioned that the Habitat house by the middle school will be accepting applications for possible residents.

Greg South wanted to thank the Chief and his officers for their hard work and dedication. He wanted to thank Kevin and Maggie for their hard work on the Strawberry Festival. He said it was a great event.

David Ivey gave a work order report. He also praised the work of the Chief and his officers. He wanted to remind everyone of the Memorial Day Program on May 27 at 6 pm.

Terry Kiser echoed the praises given to Chief Johnson and his officers. He said the Fishing Day at Veterans Park was a huge success. He also told of the great turnout for the Strawberry Festival.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that the road in front of Burger King had been purchased by the City for \$2,000. The new Welcome to Piedmont signs will be ready this week. He presented a handout concerning the purchase of natural gas for the Council to review. In closing, he told the Council that the first opioid check will be coming in the next few weeks.

In the Mayor's report, he also wanted to thank Chief Johnson and his officers for the hard work they do. He told the Council that the City will be sponsoring a meal for Law Enforcement Week. He wanted to thank all city departments for all the hard work they do. He wanted to thank everyone who came out and participated at the Strawberry Festival, Car Show, and the Fishing Day at Veterans Park. He would like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day! He gave a report on the quality of the drinking water at the spring by the Complex. He said the report showed E.coli and coliform. In closing, he told Council he had talked to Commissioner Patterson about the paving project. Commissioner Patterson has agreed to give \$100,000.00 toward the paving project in Piedmont. He asked all Council members to submit one road from each district.

Shavonne Garrett approached the Council about a block party on Bethune Drive on June 24 from 11-7 for a cancer patient they are trying to raise money for. Caleb Pope made the motion to allow the block party on Bethune Drive. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. John Lawrence abstained.

With no other business to come before the Council, Caleb Pope made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.