

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
NOVEMBER 7, 2023
5:38 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 by Greg South 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. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$545,382.71 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented with the exception of the school insurance, which will be paid quarterly. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next item on the agenda was resolution 2023-27. Jubal Feazell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-27. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next item is an addendum to Ordinance No. 615a Section (e). Richard Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 615a with additional line item saying NO BLOCKING OF DRIVEWAYS. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The School Insurance was next on the agenda. This was covered in bills for payment.

The next item was the Alabama Farm City 2023 Proclamation. The Mayor read the Proclamation to the City Council and the audience.

In visitor's comments, Terry Batey spoke about upcoming events from the Piedmont Arts and Entertainment Committee. Keith Word, Ladon Law, Jeremy Jones, Sharon Barnes, Terri Naugher, Willie Barnwell, April Steed, Tyler Garrett, Jeff Smith, Carlos Farmer, Jerry Pounds, and Charlie Fagan all addressed the Mayor and Council concerning high utility bills.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams thanked all the people that attended the Council Meeting tonight. He offered everyone a business card that would like to contact and discuss matters with him.

Jubal Feazell said we need to be more transparent. We need to show pricing for line items. He asked when the rate study would be conducted. He also stated that we needed to show dollar figures for the cuts we have made and will be making. He made a motion to do a position freeze for all employees. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Caleb Pope told everyone that there are a lot of things the City can do better. He also stated that there is way too much negativity.

Greg South said that the Council needs to make adjustments to the raised rates. He said the rates were not done right. In closing, he said we need to restructure how the bills are paid.

David Ivey told everyone that we hear what all is saying.

Terry Kiser told everyone that he feels the pain. We need to make cuts.

Clerk Hinton asked the Council to approve an electrical order request by Corey Horton for street light repairs and other electrical supplies for the amount of \$10,413.75. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve the purchase of electrical supplies and use rescue money first, then use savings second. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to thank everyone for coming. He told the audience that Piedmont was a great little town. In closing, the Mayor said we will do what is best for Piedmont. Greg South made the motion to have a closing prayer for adjourning. Bill Baker seconded the motion.

With no other business to come before the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.