

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
DECEMBER 12, 2023
5:48 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, Jubal Feazell, Caleb Pope, Greg South, David Ivey, and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation by John Lawrence 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.

The bills totaling \$309,318.89 were then presented for consideration for payment. Jubal Feazell made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. David Ivey seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

Ordinance # 638 was the next item on the agenda. Greg South made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance # 638. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and a roll call vote was given. John Lawrence – yes, Jubal Feazell – yes, Caleb Pope – yes, Greg South – yes, David Ivey – yes, Terry Kiser – yes, and Mayor Baker – yes. The motion carried unanimously. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve Ordinance # 638. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolution 2023-28 was the next item on the agenda. This is the 2024 Holiday Schedule. David Ivey made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-28. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolution 2023-29 was the final Resolution on the agenda. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-29. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Holiday Incentive was the next item on the agenda. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve a Holiday Incentive in the amount of \$250 per full time employee and \$100 per part time employee. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and requested if possible to issue a separate check for the full amount be issued so the employees could see the whole amount. Terry Kiser requested a roll call vote. John Lawrence – yes, Jubal Feazell – yes, Caleb Pope – yes, Greg South – yes, David Ivey – yes, Terry Kiser – yes, and Mayor Baker – yes. The motion carried.

After the Police report given by Chief Johnson, we had three visitor comments. Ashley Jones spoke about the New Year's Eve Squirrel Drop. Jessie Phillips addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the Holiday Incentive. Ms. Parker addressed the Council and Mayor and expressed she would like to be a mediator for the two groups.

In Council reports, John Lawrence wanted to commend Chief Johnson for the special deliveries around the City. He wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Richard Williams was absent.

Jubal Fezell expressed that the Council took a lot of heat from the citizens during all the increases. The citizens wanted cuts and Council has helped in doing some. He wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Caleb Pope wanted to let everyone know that he is passionate about his position as a Councilman. He stated again that he is not going to apologize for his actions. He wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Greg South hopes he has not made anybody mad in the audience. It was not his intent. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

David Ivey told everyone that he has reservations about making decisions on things unknown. He supports the employees of the City. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Terry Kiser wanted to echo what all others have said tonight. He is thankful that the second Council meeting in December was changed. He wanted to thank everyone for voting on the Holiday Incentive. In closing, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Clerk Hinton asked the Council about the CDL incentive.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! He told all to enjoy the special time of the year with family. He appreciates all the City employees. He said money is still tight and we hope to be improving soon. He also wanted to thank the Council for all they do. Please remember the Squirrel Drop on December 31. He announced that our next Council Meeting will be on January 2, 2024. In closing, he announced the City Holiday Safety Meeting on December 22 at 11 am.

With no other business to come before the Council, Greg South made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.