

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 2, 2024

6:08 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, 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. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$188,039.21 were then presented for consideration for payment. David Ivey made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next item on the agenda was the Downtown Mural. Terry Kiser made the motion to hire Tiffany Beal to paint a 40' X 20' City of Piedmont Mural for the amount of \$16,000. It will be painted on the northern wall of the Bend the Bar Fitness building. The monies will come from the AMEA Project fund. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Greg South voted NO.

Fagan's Park was the next topic on the agenda. Mr. Fagan has offered the City the park in front of the Civic Center for the amount of \$100,000. The payments can be split over 12 payments with no interest. Mr. Fagan has requested that the name will continue to be Fagan's Park. The City will order an appraisal for the park. The amount of the appraised value of the park over \$100,000 will be gifted to the City by Mr. Fagan. The Council would like to see a contract at the next Council meeting.

There is a school board appointment that will expire this month. Shannon Ray has expressed a desire to serve another term. David Ivey made the motion to re-appoint Shannon Ray for another term. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were two job vacancies that were presented during the work session. They involved the Sanitation and Fire Departments. Greg South made the motion to approve the sanitation position to be filled. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried. The position of the part time fireman was discussed next. The Council wanted to table this to a later council meeting.

There were no visitor comments.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams was absent.

Jubal Feazell asked about the status of the pipe project on James Street. The street department will be adding cold mix to replace the crush since it has had time to settle.

Caleb Pope was absent.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey had no report.

Terry Kiser asked if we could use the gas funds for a paving project. We are still waiting on the final decision for the paving grant. He also mentioned the trail paving project. Calhoun County Engineering Department is assisting the City with preparing the plans and specs that will be used in the bidding process.

Clerk Hinton thanked Jeff Formby for the work he has put in for acquiring the bids for the Civic Center Renovations. Clerk Hinton asked the Council to purchase more natural gas for resale when the prices are low. There was discussion of where the original monies came from on the initial purchase of natural gas for resale.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to remind everyone about the ribbon cutting for the new Jacksonville City Hall on Sunday at 2 pm. He also announced the Piedmont Health Care meeting on April 25 at 6 pm. He is also looking at a City of Piedmont free dump day at the Piedmont-Jacksonville Landfill during the month of May. On April 20, there will be a free dump day at the Calhoun County Landfill for all Calhoun County residents. There will be a Memorial dedication for Danny and Beth Stone at the Piedmont Sports Complex on Saturday at 8 am. In closing, he thanked Piedmont PARC, the Sponsor - McDonalds, and all volunteers that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

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 6:40 pm.