

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

5:59 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. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$315,613.12 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The Piedmont Depot Museum was the next item on the agenda. Ben Ingram spoke during the work session and requested \$20,000.00 from the City for renovations on the Museum. David Ivey made the motion to grant a payment of \$20,000.00 to the Piedmont Historical Society, Inc. The money will come from the AMEA Project Fund. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The hiring committee for the Fire Chief position made a recommendation to the Council to hire Todd Kirkland. Greg South made the motion to hire Todd Kirkland as the new Fire Chief. Richard Williams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested. John Lawrence – yes, Richard Williams – yes, Jubal Feazell – yes, Caleb Pope – yes, Greg South – yes, David Ivey – yes, Terry Kiser – yes, and Mayor Baker – yes. The vote was unanimous to appoint Todd Kirkland as the new Piedmont Fire Chief.

Chief Nathan Johnson presented several items for consideration from the Council. The first was to allow him to send an officer to be trained on the new dog they were receiving for a cost of \$4,000.00. Caleb Pope made the motion to allow Chief Johnson to send an officer to be trained for the new dog they will be receiving. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chief Johnson also requested to advertise for the replacement of Officer Doss. He will be leaving for ALEA. Richard Williams made to find a replacement for Officer Doss. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. In closing, Chief Johnson ask if he could get new stop signs installed at the intersection of North Church and Bethune Drive, intersection of Hart Street and Burger King Drive, and one when you exit Mapco on the right side. Caleb Pope made the motion to allow the new stop signs be installed at the three locations. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The ABC transfer for Piggly Wiggly was the next item on the agenda. Richard Williams made the motion to allow the ABC transfer for Piggly Wiggly. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were no visitor comments.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell had no report.

Caleb Pope wanted to welcome Todd Kirkland as the Fire Chief.

Greg South wanted to echo Caleb Pope.

David Ivey wanted to echo Caleb Pope.

Terry Kiser wanted to echo Caleb Pope.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that the painting should be completed this week at the Civic Center. He told the Council that the new maple hardwood had been installed and sanding and finishing would be coming soon. In closing, he let everyone know that the items on Gov Deals would close on Thursday. .

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to thank Todd Kirkland for becoming the new Fire Chief. He told the Council of the renovations going on at the café at Fagan's Park. We will be working on the pickle ball courts and new netting in the next couple of weeks. The weight room at the Civic Center will be getting two new pieces of equipment this week. The pool was open on Labor Day and that was the last day of operation this year. The Polar Plunge will be the first Saturday in January. He also wanted to thank Cale Donaldson for the work he has put in as Interim Fire Chief. He appreciates all the work the City employees do. He wanted to thank the Council for all their hard work.

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 6:15 pm.