

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 1, 2025

5:41 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, David Ivey, and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation 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 \$576,124.12 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. David Ivey seconded the motion and the bills were approved to be paid as presented.

The backhoe for the WGS was the next item on the agenda. Byrian Watts presented the Council two quotes that he had received. The first quote was from John Deere (Warrior Tractor) for \$142,000.00. The second quote was from Thompson Cat for \$144,847.00. Mr. Watts asked the Council to approve the quote for the Caterpillar backhoe in the amount of \$144,847.00. The price was a little higher but the warranty was better than John Deere. Jubal Feazell made the motion to purchase the Caterpillar backhoe from Thompson Cat for \$144,847.00. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried. The money will come from WGS Gov Deal money and WGS Savings.

The School Board appointment was next on the agenda. Terry Kiser made the motion to re-appoint Brain Young to the school board for another term. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The CBD store was the next item on the agenda. The new business prospect had met with City officials and asked if the CBD store would be allowed to operate in the City. They asked if we would bring it up at the next council meeting. Jubal Feazell made the motion to not allow the CBD store. Richard Williams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested. John Lawrence –No, Richard Williams –No, Jubal Feazell –No, David Ivey –No, Terry Kiser –No, and Mayor Baker –No. The vote was 6-0 to not allowing the CBD store.

After discussion from Kevin Cunningham in the audience, the Council spoke briefly about allowing or not allowing brown bag alcohol in our local businesses that do not have an ABC license. Terry Kiser made the motion to table until the next meeting so that more information could be presented. Richard Williams 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 told the Council and the audience we need to support President Trump and Elon Musk in their endeavors to make this country great again. He would like to see the City replace their vehicle fleet with the new tesla cyber trucks – April fools.

Caleb Pope was absent.

Greg South was absent.

David Ivey had no report.

Terry Kiser told the Mayor and Council that he agreed with Mr. Williams when he said that it was ALL City money regardless of what account it was put in. We need to start finding a plan on how we will get the substation upgraded and how much money it will cost.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that Vulcan would be having the trail striped by Ozark Striping. They should be finished next week with weather permitting to work. He told the Council that there were several boards that needed filling. He will have a list for the next meeting. In closing, he read an email from Craig Hatter concerning the rental of a small block building on the CLT. Mr. Hatter offered \$50 per month rental. The Clerk asked to Council to consider his proposal or come up with an alternate one.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted thank everyone for coming out tonight. He appreciates all of the comments that were given tonight. He told the Council that we have a siren problem on Burns Street. It has been out for two years and the cost estimate was \$50,000.00 to repair the siren. The siren project started in 1994. We will have to look at possible grants to assist with the cost to update our weather sirens. The next City Council meeting will be April 15, 2025.

With no other business to come before the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.