

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010

5:30PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Eddie Baldwin, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

Mayor Young declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation given by Pastor Jamie Doss and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$429,879.44 were presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention from Brent Morrison.

Then Mayor read a proclamation for the Big Read Program declaring February 2010 thru April 2010 The Big Read Months. Councilman Billy Baker read the first page of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain to kick off the Big Read Program.

Next on the agenda Mayor Young read a Proclamation for Black History Month which designated the month of February Black History Month to be observed by the community.

In council reports John Lawrence had no report.

Mary Bramblett reminded everyone how important it is to participate in the census.

Ed Hanson had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Eddie Baldwin told the council that they received cards from East Alabama to send in to state representatives in support of the senior citizen groups for funding.

Billy Baker thanked the city clerk for setting up a program to work with the citizens concerning the high utility bills.

Brent Morrison encouraged the council to get citizens to be members of the city boards that have vacancies.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor told everyone they were invited to the high school library for a signing party for the students who received college scholarships to play football. He encouraged everyone to go vote on February 16<sup>th</sup> for the state representative. He reminded everyone that the next council meeting would be held at the civic center due to voting at the council chambers.

In visitor's comments two citizens voiced their concerns over the high utility bills.

With no other business to come before the council the Mayor recessed the meeting until Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for a presentation from the Piedmont School Superintendent.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

6:00PM

The Mayor called the council meeting back to order after a recess from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 council meeting. Those present were Mayor Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Eddie Baldwin, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

After the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag Carl Hinton asked the council for permission to list some city vehicles on the website gov.deals.com.

Next on the agenda Superintendent Matt Akins gave a presentation of the schools. Piedmont High School has been recognized by US News and World Report as being one of the top ten percent of the high schools in the nation. Mr. Akins also showed the high percentage in academics of each grade in the school system. Mr. Akins told the council that they would like to have a new complex of baseball and softball fields and renovate the stands on the visitors' side of the field. They would also like to renovate the concession stand and replace the grass on the football field with artificial turf.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.