

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
MAY 7, 2024

6:23 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 David Ivey 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. John Lawrence and Caleb Pope abstained.

The bills totaling \$499,955.14 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Greg South seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next several items involve abatement resolutions. Resolution No. 2024-02 was the first abatement resolution. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-02. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-03. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried. David Ivey made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-04. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jubal Feazell made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-05. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The repairs for the Admin building were next on the agenda. Richard Williams made the motion to approve Extermco to install two commercial dehumidifiers, install a moisture barrier, and treat the fungi in the crawl space for the amount of \$8,950.00. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the purchase of new garbage cans. Greg South made the motion to approve the purchase of 427 new garbage cans for the amount of \$27,359.26 from Schaefer Plastics. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The new dump truck was the next item. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve the purchase of a new 2025 Kenworth T880 tri-axle Dump Truck with 16.4 ft Ox Body in the amount of \$222,500.00 from Truckworx. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion as long as we sell the 1991 Dump truck. The motion carried.

Tim Frost also asked about hiring one position for sanitation (full time) and one street position (part time) due to the fact that both positions will be vacant. Richard Williams made the motion to allow Tim Frost to fill the two positions. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next item was the discussion of the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 2500 Crew Cab 4x4 for the chief's vehicle. Caleb Pope made a motion to give Chief Johnson permission to do an intent to purchase with Stivers Dodge on the truck. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and motion carried.

Byrian Watts talked about repairing an old backhoe that was in need of repairs. There was a representative from CAT that attended the meeting and gave an overview of different purchasing methods. Caleb Pope made a motion to table the discussion of a new backhoe. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There were no visitor comments.

In Council reports, John Lawrence wanted to let everyone know he is very happy about getting new trash cans purchased.

Richard Williams would like to see a PM schedule for all vehicles within the City.

Jubal Fezell appreciates all the Council for buying needed equipment. Most people do not understand what all it takes to run a City.

Caleb Pope wanted to thank the department heads for the work they do. He would also like to thank the citizens for an increase in revenues to be able to purchase new equipment. In closing, he also wanted to thank the Council for their support.

Greg South wanted to thank the police department for the hard work they do. He understands that vehicles are needed. We just need to keep an eye on the finances.

David Ivey wanted to let everyone know that there was an office in Piedmont for the weatherization program. He talked to a Ms. Houston at the agency.

Terry Kiser had no report. He wanted to wish the Clerk a Happy Birthday.

Clerk Hinton asked the Council about hiring summer workers with no benefits. Jubal Fezell made the motion to allow each department (Public Works, WGS, PARD, Electric) to hire a 40 hour per week position at \$10.00 per hour until school starts back. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Clerk Hinton told the Council that 500 of the smart meters had been changed out. This would be a savings of \$75,000.00. Clerk Hinton addressed the Council about the Electric Department wanting to purchase a few trucks with the AMEA money. He will bring information back to the next council meeting with prices. He informed the Council that a title search and a survey would be completed in the next few weeks.

In the Mayor's comments he told the Council he wanted to echo Terry Kiser in wishing Bubba a Happy Birthday. He wanted to thank everyone for coming out tonight. In closing, he wanted to tell everyone how great our City employees are.

With no other business to come before the Council, Caleb Pope made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Greg South seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.