

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JUNE 18, 2024

5:40 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 Richard Williams, Jubal Feazell, Caleb Pope, Greg South, David Ivey, and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation by Jubal Feazell 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. David Ivey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$437,517.94 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams 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 Fire Chief Interviewing process. Richard Williams and Greg South will be on the interviewing committee. Terry Kiser, David Ivey and Jubal Feazell will be alternates if Richard or Greg can't attend. The Council asked the Mayor to contact the League for meeting information on the interviewing process.

The Civic Center Renovations were the next topic on the agenda. Jeff Formby reached out to two painting contractors for a start date and references. McCulley Painting was the only contractor that returned his call. Jubal Feazell made the motion to accept the low bid of \$41,673.00 by McCulley Painting for the painting of the interior of the Civic Center. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The John Deere 3025E tractor was the next item on the agenda. Richard Williams made the motion to purchase the John Deere tractor from the Estate of William H. Borden for \$14,000.00. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jeff Formby asked the Council to hire a part time nutrition bus driver and ask for a couple of employees to swap roles in the work they perform. Richard Williams made the motion for Jeff Formby to hire a part time senior nutrition bus driver. Laura Goza (current bus driver) will move in to Alex Cash (Membership Coordinator) position. Alex Cash is taking another job. Craig Russell and Michael Tolbert will swap positions as pool manager and athletic director. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After the police report was given, Chief Johnson approached the Council and asked for them to be looking over the AXON contract for the next meeting. David Ivey made the motion to approve the AXON contract for \$14,181.36 per year for five years. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A 12U baseball team asked to do a road block for a tournament in Gulf Shores. The road block will be on July 6 from 7-11 am. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow them to do a road block as long as they follow the guidelines by Chief Johnson. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After the fire report was given, Chief Donaldson asked the council if he could hire the final position for the Fire department. This would give him four new hires and would fill all vacancies. Jubal Feazell made the motion to allow Chief Donaldson to hire the fourth full time position to fill all vacancies. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Chasteen spoke in visitor comments concerning litter that was being placed on City right of way. Mr. Brandt spoke concerning the red light at the intersection of Ladiga and Church Street. He would like to see it removed if at all possible.

In Council reports, John Lawrence was absent.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell had no report.

Caleb Pope asked about the grants that the Arts and Entertainment received. He asked if the City could provide the necessary monies until they received funding from the two grants that they were awarded.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey told the Council that he received a complaint from a citizen in his district concerning garbage pickup.

Terry Kiser had no report.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that the bids were being advertised for the upcoming trail and road repaving. He told the Council that all paperwork for the park has been received and we are waiting on Mr. Fagan to set up a meeting time to review and sign the documents. Clerk Hinton handed a quote out before the meeting to purchase 6 15 KVA transformers for \$9,020.00. Richard Williams made the motion to approve the purchase for six transformers for \$9,020.00 from Sunbelt Solomon. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In the Mayor's comments he told the Council he appreciated them and all City employees. He was glad that the Fire Chief was given authority to hire the fourth fireman. He hopes that position can be filled quickly. In closing, he wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

With no other business to come before the Council, Greg South made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.