

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT

JULY 16, 2024

5:52 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 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. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. John Lawrence abstained.

The bills totaling \$596,909.40 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 for payment.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2024-09. Greg South made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-09. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolution 2024-10 was the next item. David Ivey made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-10. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Tim Frost asked the Council to fill a position in the street department with a transfer from WGS. Greg South made a motion to allow Tim Frost to fill his vacant position with a transfer of Mike Hughes from WGS and allow Byrian Watts to fill the vacant position in WGS of Mike Hughes. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The renovations at the Civic Center were the next item on the agenda. Clerk Hinton told the Council that painting would begin on August 5. He asked the Council if we could get the gym floor contractor lined up when the painting was finished in the gym. Richard Williams made the motion to notify Smith Flooring and get them on the books to begin once the painting in the gym is complete. David Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After the police and fire reports were given, Terry Batey spoke in visitor comments. He thanked the Mayor and Council for all the support that was given for the Independence Day Celebration. He said it was a huge success for Piedmont.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell had no report.

Caleb Pope challenged the Council to come up with a solution to help with more money for our employees. The pay scale that we currently have needs to be improved.

Greg South wanted to echo Councilman Pope for his comments. He would also like for the Council to consider a convenience center in our city. He will bring more information back to the next meeting. He would like to thank Charles and the Police department for enforcing abatement issues.

David Ivey told the Council that Saturday, July 20 would be a free dump day at the Calhoun County Landfill.

Terry Kiser wanted to echo what Pope said about the employees. He would like to see the knuckle boom truck go back to working routes.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that the bid opening was held on July 16 for the CLT and various City streets. Vulcan was the low bidder of \$925,084 for the repaving of the Trail and \$189,328.00 for the repaving of City streets in each district. He told the Council that the putting green was almost completed by the driving range. In closing, he asked Council about the procedure to take on interviewing for the new fire chief.

In the Mayor's comments he told the Council that he appreciated all City employees for all the work they do. He hopes that the Council can fix the wage issue. He wanted to thank Renee Turner, who was in the audience, for filling in at the WGS office. He wanted to thank Terry and Ashley for all the hard work they do. In closing, he wanted to thank the Council and all the citizens of Piedmont.

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 6:54 pm.