

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 6, 2024

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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 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. Greg South seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$814,936.69 were then presented for consideration for payment. Caleb Pope made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment.

The next item on the agenda was the \$10,000.00 for the FY2023-2024 Airport Sponsorship. Greg South made the motion to pay \$10,000.00 to the Centre – Piedmont – Cherokee County Regional Airport. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Caleb Pope voted NO.

The resurfacing of the Chief Ladiga Trail and seven City streets was next on the agenda. The resurfacing of the Chief Ladiga Trail was the first vote. Caleb Pope made a motion to accept the low bid of \$925,084.00 from Vulcan. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried. The resurfacing of seven City streets was the next vote. Greg South made the motion to accept the low bid of \$189,328.00 from Vulcan. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. The money will come from Lee Patterson and 4 cent gas tax money. Lee Patterson from the County Commission has committed \$100,000.00. Caleb Pope made a motion to spend an additional \$250,000.00 from gas tax to pave additional streets. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Clerk Hinton will contact Charles Pullin from Vulcan to see if the new roads can be added to the existing contract.

The new trucks for the Electrical Department was next on the agenda. Greg South made the motion to purchase one Chevrolet 2500 Custom 4x4 diesel crew cab for \$58,986.00 and two Chevrolet 2500 Custom 4x4 gas crew cab trucks for \$49,834.20 each from Buster Miles Chevrolet. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried. The money will come from AMEA.

There were no visitor comments.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell told the Council that he would be working on some incentive ideas and would share with the Council.

Caleb Pope told the Council that the Arts and Entertainment Committee would be meeting on Thursday night at 6:00 pm at the Civic Center.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey told the Council that the applicants for the Weatherization Grants would be awarded soon. There were several applicants from Calhoun County that applied.

Terry Kiser wanted to echo what Feazell said about the incentive ideas. He also told the Council that Shirley Millwood's son was injured in an automobile accident. He suffered burns on most of his body. Councilman Kiser asked the Mayor, Council, and Clerk to sign a card that he will send to her.

Clerk Hinton asked the Council if they would be interesting in selling ten acres at the Industrial Park for a future business expansion. He also asked the Council if Byrian Watts could replace the position that Steven Hilburn held and the position that will be created when that vacancy is filled. Greg South made that motion to hire for the two positions that need to be filled. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In the Mayor's comments he told the Council that the last trailer has been removed from the old Head Start property. He told the Council that we would declare the property surplus and get a fair market value on it. He told the Council that a lease for the café at Fagan's Park would be finalized by Friday with Courtney and Heather Hood being the new tenants with a rental amount of \$500.00 per month. Greg South made a motion that the City owned equipment would be maintained by the tenant. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. He wanted to congratulate Clerk Hinton on his new grandson. In closing, he announced that August 20 will be our next meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council, Caleb Pope made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.