

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
February 18, 2025

5:51 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, 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. David Ivey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$453,877.50 were then presented for consideration for payment. Greg South made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the bills were approved to pay as presented.

Resolution 2025-03 was the next item on the agenda. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 and add that any item will have supporting documentation with it. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried. Caleb Pope voted no.

The vinyl siding quote for the scout house was the next item on the agenda. Terry Kiser made a motion to install metal siding and vinyl soffit on the scout house for \$16,100.00 by Tony Staehly. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried. The money will come from the Alabama Trust Fund account.

The next item on the agenda is electrical supplies in the amount of \$12,194.50 from GRESCO. Greg South made the motion to purchase the supplies for the electrical department. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The City budget was the next item. Jubal Feazell made the motion to table this until Leanne can get a four year average on the actuals. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Kirkland gave the fire report which was included in the packet.

The Fire Department membership was next. Greg South made a motion to table the gym membership. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Fire department truck was the next item. Caleb Pope made the motion to allow Chief Kirkland to spend up to \$65,000.00 of fire tax money on the purchase of a new fire truck. David Ivey second the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Johnson was at the chief's conference last week and will have his report at the next meeting.

In visitor comments, Vicki Wright spoke and asked for clarification on the fuel surcharge on her utility bill. Peter Leavitt also spoke in visitor comments. He expressed his concern for the fuel surcharge, an increase in utility bills, and stated issues in the budget line items. He also asked what the columns in the

Statement of Revenues and Expenses represented. He asked that Council packets be available for review before each meeting and handed out before the scheduled meetings.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams was absent due to sickness.

Jubal Feazell had no report.

Caleb Pope had no report.

Greg South told the Council that we would have a \$600,000.00 quote to repair transformers at the substation. He thinks we need to limit the amount of transfers from the utility department into the general fund. He feels that we are best served if we called an ending point in the restaurant project. We need to finalize the restaurant and get monthly rental settled and move forward. He has no disrespect and has no issues with the Mayor. He is a good man. He has no ill feelings toward the Clerk. He feels as though we need a board to determine how we rent out City properties. He feels that two people should not be making the decisions for the amount of rental property. He feels we would be better served for the City to do something different in those means.

David Ivey wanted to thank Jeff Formby for his help with the Lowe's grant. The grant total submitted was \$161,000.00. On March 7, the applicants that made it to the next round will be identified. The winner will be chosen in late June.

Terry Kiser had no report.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that Vulcan has made it to downtown on the trail paving. He does not know if any more work will continue this week due to the cold weather.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to congratulate the Spring Garden girl's basketball team in advancing to the final four in Birmingham. He wanted to also congratulate the Piedmont boys and girls basketball teams for advancing to JSU. They both had great seasons. He told the council that he made contact with the Cleburne County Commission concerning the new animal shelter in Heflin. Terry Kiser sent him a newspaper article telling of the new facility. He was told that they will not be accepting any new dogs. He told the Council that he and Chief Johnson have been looking and will continue to look for a shelter. If you have a problem with a dog, please call the police department.

With no other business to come before the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Caleb Pope seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.