CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

May 20, 2025

6:08 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, 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 $503,455.73 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 to be paid as presented.

The excavator for the Street department was the next item. Jubal Feazell made the motion to purchase the new excavator from Thompson Cat for $195,580.00. The money will come from the general fund, Public Works Gov Deal balance, and money from the sale of the old excavator. This money will be returned to the general fund after the excavator is sold. Richard Williams seconded the motion and a roll call vote was requested. John Lawrence – yes, Richard Williams – yes, Jubal Feazell – yes, Greg South – no, David Ivey – yes, Terry Kiser – yes, and Mayor Baker – yes. The vote was 6-1. Motion carried to purchase the excavator.

Resolution 2025-06 was the next item on the agenda. The resolution was for abatement at 506 N. Center Avenue. Richard Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-06. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolution 2025-07 was the next resolution on the agenda. The resolution was for abatement at 515 N. Center Avenue. David Ivey made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-07. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baker read a portion of the Proclamation for National Skilled Nursing Care Week which was May 12-16, 2025.

The voting delegate for Energy Southeast was the next item. Terry Kiser made a motion to re-appoint Greg South as the City's voting representative. Jubal Feazell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Greg South abstained.

After the Police report given by Chief Johnson and the Fire report given by Chief Kirkland, there were no visitor comments.

In Council reports, John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams asked could the City of Piedmont welcome signs flower beds be cut and weeded by city crews.

Jubal Feazell wanted to let everyone know that we were under a tornado watch. He also wanted to thank all the department heads for the feedback that was given toward the accomplishments of the City that was put on social media.

Caleb Pope was absent.

Greg South wanted to let Tim Frost know he was glad he got the new excavator for the Public Works department. He wished we would consider some type of ordinance to limit purchasing items that are not included in the budget. We need a guideline because we spend a lot of money every year.

David Ivey told everyone the Terry Batey and Ashley Jones did a wonderful job in being a host for the students that came down from Atlanta. Ben Ingram did a great job providing a guided tour of the museum. The students had a great time in Piedmont. They met at Elevated Grounds for a snack before touring the museum.

Terry Kiser wanted to echo what Feazell said about the list of accomplishments that this administration has done that was posted on social media.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that city crews were working at Fagan's Park on the final pour of the additional concrete by the pickle ball courts. He also told that the new hood is being installed this week at NK's Café. In closing, he told that the ADECA grant is close to being completed.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to congratulate the Class of 2025. He presented the AMEA scholarships on Monday at the high school. He informed of the weather alert for tonight. Weather radios will not be working tonight due to programming issues. June 3 will be our next Council Meeting. This year's Memorial Day Celebration will be held at Dailey Street Baptist Church at 10:00 am. It will be sponsored by Piedmont Veterans Association. The reporter from WEIS Radio, Mark McGriff, informed everyone that this would be his last night. The City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26. In closing, he informed everyone about the traffic light by the gazebo. It is not operational and a four way stop is in place now. It will cost $50,000.00 to repair the board.

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 7:08 pm.