CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

July 15, 2025

5:33 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 given by David Ivey 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. Jubal Feazell abstained.

The bills totaling $377,482.75 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 next item on the agenda was a new pickup truck for the Electrical Department. Terry Kiser made a motion to approve up to $40,000.00 for the purchase of a new truck for the electrical department. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After the Police and Fire reports from Chief Johnson and Chief Kirkland there were several visitor comments. Ashlee Jones spoke first. She wanted to let everyone know about the political forum for Piedmont Districts 1, 4, and 5 on July 31 at 5:30 pm at the PHS Cafeteria. She also talked about The State of Higher Education which would be held at eh Chamber. Robert Dunbar spoke second. He addressed the Council with drainage problems on Draper, Caldwell, and Southern Avenue. He also talked about Bethune Field needing an access from Draper Street and a gate in the outfield for entrance when they have special events going on. Letonya Napier was the final visitor to speak. She addressed the overgrown lot and dilapidated house across from 204 McKee Street. She asked for abatement to take a look.

In Council reports, John Lawrence wanted to put emphasis on the Bethune Project before the celebration on August 31.

Richard Williams had no report.

Jubal Feazell wanted to check the status of limb pickup on Steinberg Road for Bud Canter. He also asked about the flags at Memorial Park.

Caleb Pope was absent.

Greg South had no report.

David Ivey wanted to get feedback from the Council about the Daniels Group. He feels that we need to make a decision on whether to welcome them to Piedmont or thank them for their time and let them know the City is not interested.

Terry Kiser wanted to congratulate Jesse Little on being promoted to Captain.

Clerk Hinton told the Council that sample ballots were in the lobby of the Admin office for review. He told them that NK's Café would be opening soon. In closing he informed everyone that the pickle ball courts would be finished next week.

In the Mayor's comments he wanted to congratulate Jesse Little on his promotion to Captain. He also asked the Council about the four way stop by the gazebo. He told them it would be a cost of $10,000.00 to replace the controller for the light. Richard Williams asked Clerk Hinton to get an estimate on four decorative stop sign post to go downtown for the four way stop. He told the Council about the leaking fire hydrant on Hughes Street. The WGS department could not fix the leak and had to hire a company out of Prattville to repair it. We had some bad storms in Piedmont producing over 5 inches of rain last week. Heavy rains caused a ditch retaining wall to collapse at Millie Bramblett's house. The City will be replacing the wall over the next few weeks. In closing, he told the Council he would reach out to Don Hopper to discuss the future of the Daniels Group.

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