

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

November 18, 2025

5:34 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Farmer, Council Members Brittney Williams, Kevin McCord, Frank Cobb, Mark Epps, Greg South and Matt Rogers.

Following the invocation given by Greg South and the pledge of allegiance, the minutes of the October 21, 2025 and November 3, 2025 were presented for consideration. Matt Rogers made the motion that the October 21, 2025 minutes be approved as presented. Kevin McCord seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Frank Cobb made the motion that the November 3, 2025 minutes be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$773,627.24 were then presented for consideration for payment. Greg South made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Mark Epps seconded the motion and the bills were approved to be paid as presented.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2025-30. Resolution 2025-30 provides the City of Piedmont to participate in the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Matt Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-30. Greg South second the motion and the motion passed.

Resolution 2025-31 was next on the agenda. Resolution 2025-31 authorizes Mayor Farmer as the Designating Official Representative for the Wastewater Grant. Kevin McCord made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-31. Frank Cobb second the motion and the motion passed.

Resolution 2025-32 was next on the agenda. Resolution 2025-32 authorizes the City of Piedmont to protect the City's interests by intervening as a defendant in the Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT) Litigation. Mark Epps made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-32. Frank Cobb second the motion and the motion passed.

Chief Nathan Johnson gave the monthly Police report and Abatement report. Chief Johnson also welcomed the new Mayor and City Council and said that he looked forward to working with them. He also said that the ADECA grant that the Police Department had received for overtime traffic enforcement had been renewed and the monthly allotment had increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a month.

Investigator Josh Parker spoke on behalf of the Piedmont Police Department to present Chief Nathan Johnson with the John Edgar Hoover award through the American Police Hall of Fame for his distinguished service to the police department.

Chief Todd Kirkland gave the monthly Fire report. Chief Kirkland also asked for approval to renew the Fire Department annual radio fees through Calhoun County 911 in the amount of \$13,501.44. Mark Epps made the motion to renew the annual radio fees. Matt Rogers second the motion and the motion passed. Frank Cobb abstained. Chief Kirkland also said that a no burn order had been issued because of

weather conditions. He also reported that the fire department had been working with Senator Katie Britt on a USDA Grant for a new fire truck.

Mayor Farmer gave the monthly Library report.

Terry Batey spoke in visitor comments to give an update of upcoming events of the Piedmont Arts and Entertainment committee. They will be providing refreshments at Fagan's Park following the Piedmont Christmas Parade on Monday, December 1. Santa and Ms. Claus will also be available at the park for visits and photos. The committee will also be hosting a Sparky Sprint fun run for the kids at Fagan's Park on December 31 followed by the fifth annual Squirrel Drop downtown.

In Council reports, Brittney Williams had no report. Kevin McCord had no report. Frank Cobb reported that he had been working in District 3 addressing some issues and turning in work orders. He also reported that he along with Mayor Farmer and a couple of the council members attended a meeting the previous week with the Calhoun County Commission and trying to get Piedmont involved with county leaders. Mark Epps had no report. Greg South thanked the police department and fire department for the work that they do. Carlos Farmer was absent. Matt Rogers thanked everyone that attended the council meeting and said that he was glad to be back on the council and serving the citizens of Piedmont.

In the Mayor's comments, Mayor Farmer reported that he has also been working on submitting work orders. He thanked the city employees for all the work that they have been doing around town and that he wants to continue to clean up Piedmont. Mayor also wants to post important events and information on social media so that residents know what is going on. He also reported that he and a few of the council members attended the Calhoun County Summit last Thursday and that they met with Representative Mike Rogers to help get Piedmont's name out to local leaders. Mayor also reported that City Clerk interviews had begun and he hoped to bring a recommendation to the council at the next meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council, Matt Rogers made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Greg South seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.