

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
December 16, 2025

5:50 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 Kevin McCord, Frank Cobb, Mark Epps, Greg South, Carlos Farmer and Matt Rogers.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word and the pledge of allegiance, the minutes of the December 2, 2025 meeting were presented for consideration. Kevin McCord made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Greg South seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

The bills totaling \$475,923.93 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Greg South seconded the motion and the bills were approved to be paid as presented.

Mayor Farmer presented the second reading of Ordinance 644 that Establishes a Pre-Trial Diversion Program in Municipal Court. After discussion, Carlos Farmer made the motion that Ordinance 644 be adopted. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and Mayor Farmer asked for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows.

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Kevin McCord Mark Epps Greg South Carlos Farmer Matt Rogers Mayor Farmer	Frank Cobb	None

Following the roll call vote, Ordinance 644 was adopted and the council will determine later where the funds from Ordinance 644 will be placed.

The Piedmont Healthcare board appointment was next on the agenda. Greg South made the motion to reappoint Dr. Ben Ingram to the healthcare board. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The City Clerk appointment was next on the agenda. Matt Rogers made the motion to appoint Tashia Blackerby as City Clerk. Carlos Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chief Nathan Johnson gave the monthly Police report and Abatement report.

Chief Todd Kirkland gave the monthly Fire report.

Piedmont Rescue and EMS Director Pat Brown gave the monthly Piedmont Rescue and EMS report. He said that Piedmont Rescue was established in 1965 and he thanked the city council for their support over the years. Frank Cobb thanked Pat for what they do for our community.

Mayor Farmer gave the monthly Library report.

In visitor comments, Brenda Spears thanked the mayor and council for supporting abatement issues around town. Keith Word said that the new stop signs downtown looked really nice. He also asked everyone to remember Brenda Christian in prayer. She has cancer and will be having surgery and start treatments over the next few weeks. Corey Horton also asked the council for permission to purchase a truck load of power poles. Greg South made the motion to approve the purchase of power poles in the amount of \$9,218.00. Carlos Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

In Council reports, Brittney Williams was absent. Kevin McCord had no report. Frank Cobb thanked the Piedmont Electric Department for installing street lights at the entrance to Little Subdivision. Mark Epps had no report. Greg South had no report. Carlos Farmer said that there are several dumpsters in residential areas. He would like to come up with a solution to fix this problem. Matt Rogers asked if we could do an audit on our trashcans and make sure that they are all being billed correctly.

In the Mayor's comments, Mayor Farmer reported that Main Street Alabama hosted a meeting this morning with all local business owners and that he and Councilman Greg South attended. He is excited about what is going on around town. He also said that the trash pickup schedule would be adjusted because of the Christmas holiday. Mayor Farmer also expressed his appreciation to the Police and Street departments for their help with abatement issues. He also thanked the Electric department for installing the street lights on Hwy 9 at Little Subdivision. Corey Horton is working with Temple Electric to get a quote on a redlight sensor at Hwy 9 and Hwy 278 and a quote for a 4-way flashing light downtown.

With no other business to come before the Council, Greg South made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carlos Farmer seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.