

Regular Council Meeting
January 12th, 2021
5:00 PM

- The Piedmont City Council met in regular session on January 12, 2021 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Aldermen Kyle Allen, Brian Tutterrow, Scot Tucker, Alderwoman Karin Townsend, City Attorney Bob Ramshur, and City Clerk Tammy Thurman. Mayor William H. Kirkpatrick presided over the meeting.

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick listed the following items for consideration:

1. Call to order and welcome guest.
2. Approve minutes from the previous meetings:
 - a) December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
 - b) December 8, 2020 Executive Meeting
 - c) January 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting
3. Approve accounts payable for January 2021
4. Discuss and approve selecting an engineering firm for the Piedmont Recreational Trail Program
5. Discuss and approve Ordinance # 2021-01 with respect to imposing a Special Tax Bill upon certain real estate found not to be in compliance with City Ordinances in the amount of \$124.98
6. Discuss and approve Ordinance # 2021-02 with respect to imposing a Special Tax Bill upon certain real estate found not to be in compliance with City Ordinances in the amount of \$250.02
7. Discuss the election results of the Piedmont Fire Department for Assistant Fire Chief, Seth Graham by Piedmont Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson
8. Discuss current sewer rates
9. Miscellaneous
10. Retire into executive session
11. Adjourn both meetings

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1. Mayor Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order and welcomed the following guests: Chief of Police Richard Sanders, and City Secretary Kathy Street, and City Collector Bill McMurry, Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson, Linda Palmer, Kenny Gates, and Frank Tiephenbrock.

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2. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to approve the following minutes:
 - a) December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
 - b) December 8, 2020 Executive Meeting
 - c) January 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting

Alderman Tutterrow made the motion to approve the December 8, 2020 Regular, and Executive Council Meetings, and January 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting minutes. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

WHEREAS, the City of Piedmont, Missouri has Chapter 215, which among other things, relates to grass being in excess of 12 inches in height; and

WHEREAS, the property described on the deed attached hereto as Exhibit "A", was found to not be in compliance with the city ordinance relating to the height of grass; and

WHEREAS, the city has complied with the notice requirements of Chapter 215.040, resulting in the expenditure of monies in the sum of \$124.98 to bring the property into compliance; and

WHEREAS, Section 215.050 authorizes the imposition of a special tax bill for the monies expended for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 215.050 authorizes the Board of Aldermen to assess special taxes for costs or expenses incurred by the city for a public purpose and chargeable by a tax bill.

WHEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, MISSOURI that the City Clerk shall make out a special tax bill against the property described on Exhibit "A", showing the name of the owner, the description of the lot or piece of ground assessed, the date and the amount of the tax bill that it was imposed based upon the costs or expenses incurred for a public purpose, affix the number of this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the tax bill and the tax bill shall bear the rate of interest of 8%, pursuant to Section 510.220. Said special tax assessment shall be in the amount of \$124.98 in addition to the taxes currently assessed to this real estate.

READ, ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY OF PIEDMONT, MISSOURI, THIS __ DAY OF ____, 2021.

William H. "Bill" Kirkpatrick
Mayor of the City of Piedmont

ATTEST
Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
(SEAL)

After being read three times a motion was made by Alderman Tucker and seconded by Alderman Allen to pass Bill# 01-2021 to Ordinance #2021-01. The motion passed.

Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Tutterrow	Aye

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6. Mayor Kirkpatrick presented Bill No. 02-2021 for consideration:

Bill No. 02-2021

Ordinance 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO IMPOSING A
SPECIAL TAX BILL UPON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE
FOUND NOT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY ORDINANCES

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WHEREAS, the property described on the deed attached hereto as Exhibit "A", was found to not be in compliance with the city ordinance relating to the height of grass; and

WHEREAS, the city has complied with the notice requirements of Chapter 215.040, resulting in the expenditure of monies in the sum of \$250.02 to bring the property into compliance; and

WHEREAS, Section 215.050 authorizes the Board of Aldermen to assess special taxes for costs or expenses incurred by the city for a public purpose and chargeable by a tax bill.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, MISSOURI that the City Clerk shall make out a special tax bill against the property described on Exhibit "A", showing the name of the owner, the description of the lot or piece of ground assessed, the date and the amount of the tax bill that it was imposed based upon the costs or expenses incurred for a public purpose, affix the number of this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the tax bill and the tax bill shall bear the rate of interest of 8%, pursuant to Section 510.220. Said special tax assessment shall be in the amount of \$250.02 in addition to the taxes currently assessed to this real estate.

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William H. "Bill" Kirkpatrick
Mayor of the City of Piedmont

ATTEST
Tammy Thurman
City Clerk

After being read three times a motion was made by Alderwoman Townsend and seconded by Alderman Tucker to pass Bill# 02-2021 to Ordinance #2021-02. The motion passed.

Alderman Tucker	Aye	Alderman Tutterrow	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye

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7. Mayor Kirkpatrick recognized Piedmont Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson. Andrew introduced himself to the council as the newly appointed fire chief. He stated that on Saturday, December 12, 2020, the Piedmont City Fire Department met for their monthly meeting and a vote was placed by the current fire department members via anonymous paper ballot, on the elect for the position of Assistant Fire Chief. The election resulted in the fire department voting for Seth Graham to occupy the open Assistant Fire Chief position. Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson requested the Piedmont City Council approve the fire departments election results and approve Seth Graham for the position.

Alderman Allen made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Townsend to accept the recommendation of the Piedmont City Fire Department and approve the election results awarding Seth Graham the position of Assistant Fire Chief. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye

(*According to the Piedmont City Code Chapter 203 Section 203.020, this step is not required but since the code was approved this position receives a monthly stipend therefore, the City Clerk requested that the council approve the election results.)

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8. Mayor Kirkpatrick requested that the council consider discussing the current sewer rates and the possibility of the need to increase the minimum rate due to the loss of Tasty Food's manufacturing. While in operation, Tasty Food's paid a monthly user fee of \$6,000.00 per month (\$72,000.00 yearly) which was used toward the bond payment. Steps are being taken to reduce the yearly payment but the loss of revenue needs to be considered. Increasing the sewer and water fee five dollars each should generate \$100,000 more dollars yearly.

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9. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if there was any other business before the council:

- City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, suggested that the council start considering which customers should be on mandatory trash/water bills such as just residents or residents and businesses. Seeking bids for a trash service will be the next step after the council agree which customers should be on the list.
- City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, informed the council that the city was applying for a SEARCH Grant through USDA for I&I.
- City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, requested that the council review the suggested streets for the street paving project and see if they approved of the streets which were selected.

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10. With no other business before the council, Alderman Allen made the motion to retire into executive session. Alderman Tutterrow seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye
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11. After returning to open session from executive session, and with no further business before the Council, Alderman Allen made the motion to adjourn the January 12th, 2021 regular and executive meetings. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Absent	Alderman Allen	Aye

William H. Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
(SEAL)