

Regular Council Meeting
March 8th, 2022
5:00 PM

- The Piedmont City Council met in regular session on March 8, 2022 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Alderman Scot Tucker, Alderwoman Karin Townsend, Alderwoman Linda Palmer, City Treasurer Dennis Ross, 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) February 8th, 2022 regular council meeting
 - b) February 8th, 2022 executive session
 3. Amend the budget if necessary
 4. Approve accounts payable for March 2022
 5. Approve Request for Professional Grant Preparation Services for the Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 Funds for Ash Park and select a grant administrator
 6. Approve Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services for the Preliminary Engineering of the Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 Funds Ash Park Project and select an engineering firm
 7. Approve Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services for the Preliminary Engineering for the I&I Project and select an engineering firm
 8. Approve bids and select contractor for care and management of Handy, Rotary and Ash Parks
 9. Approve bids and select contractor for mowing and weed-eating of Hwy 34 and HH Right-of-Way
 10. Approve bids and select contractor for mowing and weed-eating of Greenway and Ramshur Park
 11. Approve bids and select contractor for mowing, weed-eating and debris removal at Airport
 12. Approve bids and select contractor for mowing and weed-eating of Walking-Trail and Partial Greenway
 13. Approve bids and select auditor for FY 2022-2025
 14. Discuss an approve/disapprove increasing the base pay for newly elected officials
 15. Miscellaneous
 16. Retire into executive session
 17. 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, City Collector Bill McMurry, City Secretary Kathy

Street, Piedmont Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson, Kurt DiCiro with Smith and Company, Frank Teifenbrock, Cory Thompson, and John Rich III.

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2. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to approve the minutes of the council meetings in February of 2022.

Alderman Townsend made the motion to approve the following minutes: February 8th, 2022 regular council meeting, and February 8th, 2022 executive session. Alderman Palmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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3. City Treasurer, Dennis Ross, stated that there was no need to amend the budget at this time.

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4. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to approve the accounts payable for March 2022.

Alderman Tucker made the motion, second by Alderman Townsend to approve accounts payable for March 2022, Posting Journals 4159-4175 in the amount of \$86,551.94. The motion carried.

Alderman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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5. Mayor Kirkpatrick informed the council that Request for Proposals for Professional Grant Administration Services were solicited for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Covid-19 funding for the Piedmont Park Improvement Project. Twenty-five grant administrators were notified with only one firm responding, the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The OFRPC received an evaluation of 480 out of 480, 480 being the highest score obtainable.

Alderman Tucker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Palmer to select the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission as the CDBG Covid-19 Piedmont Park Improvement Administrator contingent upon the approval of the funding agency. The motion carried.

Alderman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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6. Mayor Kirkpatrick informed the council that Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services were solicited for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Covid-19 Funding for the Piedmont Park Improvement Project.

Twenty-one engineering services were notified with only two firms responding: Smith and Company of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Civil Engineering Associates (CEA) of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Smith and Company received an evaluation of 474 out of 480, and CEA received an evaluation of 383 out of 480.

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Tucker to select Smith and Company as our engineering firm for the CDBG Covid-19 Piedmont Park Improvement Project contingent upon the approval of the funding agency. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- Mayor Kirkpatrick informed the council that Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services were solicited for the Wastewater Improvement (I&I) Project, no funding source has been selected yet. Twenty-one engineering services were notified with our firms responding: Smith and Company of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Taylor Engineering of Farmington, Missouri, Mathis and Associates of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Civil Engineering Associates (CEA) of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Smith and Company received an evaluation of 480 points out of 480, Taylor Engineering received 451 points out of 480, Mathis and Associates received 404 points out of 480, and Civil Engineering Associates (CEA) received an evaluation of 382 out of 480 points.

Alderman Tucker made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Townsend to select Smith and Company as our engineering firm for the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Wastewater Improvements Project. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- Mayor Kirkpatrick presented the following bid tabulation regarding the Mowing, Weed-eating and Management of Handy, Rotary and Ash Park:

BID TABULATION FOR CARE AND MANAGEMENT OF HANDY, ROTARY, AND ASH PARKS

BID OPENING:

DATE: March 8, 2022
 TIME: 5:00 PM
 LOCATION: PIEDMONT CITY HALL

FIRM NAME			
CONTACT PERSON	David Barth	Rich Farms	
ADDRESS	47 Bittersweet Rd. Piedmont, MO. 63957	1718 Wayne 455, Piedmont, MO 63957	
PHONE	573-561-0667	573-223-4156	

Alderman Tucker Aye
 Alderman Allen Absent
 Alderwoman Palmer Aye
 Alderwoman Townsend Aye
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12. Mayor Kirkpatrick presented the following bid tabulation regarding the Mowing and Weed-eating of Walking Trail and partial Greenway:

BID TABULATION FOR MOWING AND WEED-EATING OF WALKING TRAIL AND PARTIAL GREENWAY

BID OPENING:

DATE: March 8, 2022
 TIME: 5:00 PM
 LOCATION: PIEDMONT CITY HALL

FIRM NAME			
CONTACT PERSON	Cory Thompson	David Barth	Rich Farms
ADDRESS	611 Sparks Street Piedmont	47 Bittersweet Rd. Piedmont	1718 Wayne 455, Piedmont
PHONE	573-223-4951	573-561-0667	573-223-4156
FEE:	\$600.00 per month	\$294.00 Per Month	\$400.00 Per Month

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Palmer to accept the bids, and approve the contract to the lowest bidder, David Barth, for the amount of \$294.00 per month for the Mowing and Weed-eating of Walking Trail and partial Greenway. The motion carried.

Alderman Tucker Aye
 Alderman Allen Absent
 Alderwoman Palmer Aye
 Alderwoman Townsend Aye
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13. Mayor Kirkpatrick presented the following bid tabulation for Auditor Services

BID TABULATION FOR Auditor Services

BID OPENING:

DATE: March 8, 2022
 TIME: 5:00 PM
 LOCATION: PIEDMONT CITY HALL

FIRM NAME		
CONTACT PERSON	Stanley, Dirnberger, Hopper and Associates, LLC	
ADDRESS	1441 N. Mount Auburn Rd Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701	
PHONE	573-334-2588	
FEE FY 2022	\$10,500 Audit Fee	\$1,500 Single Audit Fee

FEE FY 2023	\$10,500 Audit Fee	\$1,500 Single Audit Fee
FEE FY 2024	\$10,500 Audit Fee	\$1,500 Single Audit Fee

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Palmer to accept the only bid, and approve the contract to the bidder, Stanley, Dirnberger, Hopper and Associates, LLC, for the amount of \$10,500 per year for the next three years with the addition of a single audit cost of \$1,500 if necessary. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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14. The Piedmont City Council agreed not to increase the base pay of any elected official this year, but the CPI of 7.5% will be granted according to Chapter 115, Section 115.060 Sub-Section B of the Piedmont City Code.
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15. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if there was anything else before the council:

- City Clerk, Tammy Thurman, requested that the council consider increasing the rate of travel reimbursement to match what the State of Missouri pays .

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion to increase the current mileage reimbursement rate from .45 cents to .49 to match the State of Missouri travel reimbursement and to continue to match future rate changes. Alderwoman Palmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Allen	Absent	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderwoman Townsend	Aye
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- Alderman Tucker made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Palmer to allow the Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Greenway along Rotary Park for their 4th of July fireworks display (same location as the past few years). The motion carried.

Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- Alderwoman Palmer made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Townsend to purchase a zero-turn mower from Tractor Supply in the amount of \$6,599. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- Alderman Tucker made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Palmer to purchase a two sided 1 ft tall x 6ft wide LED P-9 sign by True Tech Signs with a

five year warranty in the amount of \$5,400.00 to replace the nonfunctioning sign at the Farmers Market. The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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- The Council instructed Chief Richard Sanders to check airport fuel prices and to see if our airport could possible split a load of fuel with a neighboring town to help offset the high costs. It was agreed that when fuel could be purchased to fill the 2,000 gallon tank full and to allow the Airport Board to set the price. No votes or motions were made on this issue.

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16. With no other business before the council, Alderman Tucker made the motion to retire into executive session. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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17. With no other business before the council, Alderwoman Townsend made the motion to adjourn the March 8th, 2022 regular and executive meetings. Alderwoman Palmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Palmer	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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William H. Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
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