

Rescheduled Regular Council Meeting
November 16th, 2023
5:00 PM

- The Piedmont City Council met in regular session on November 16, 2023 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Aldermen Kyle Allen, Alderwoman Morgan Robinson, Alderwoman Karen Townsend, City Attorney Bob Ramshur, and City Clerk Tammy Thurman. Mayor 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 the minutes from the previous meetings:
 - a) October 12, 2023 Rescheduled Regular Council Meeting
 - b) October 12, 2023 Executive Session
 3. Amend budget if necessary
 4. Approve accounts payable for November 2023
 5. Consideration of approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit
 6. Discuss and select plan for health Insurance
 7. Discuss the Meadowbrook Subdivision and Apartments petition to remove the speedbumps
 8. Discuss and approve a Professional Engineering Service Agreement between Smith and Company and the City of Piedmont for survey, engineering design, construction inspection and material testing services for the proposed water plant improvements funded through the SUDC Grant (Missouri Department of Natural Resources)
 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: City Collector, William McMurry, Sharon Birchfield, Kathy Allen, Sarah Crowley, Joe Dilport, Pat Roberts, Carol Faulkner, Vicki Eaton, Donna Fox, Pamela Green, David Green, City Street Superintendent Darin Percy, Charles McFadden, D.J. Robinson, and Sherry Carter. .

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2. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - a) October 12, 2023 Rescheduled Regular Council Meeting
 - b) October 12, 2023 Executive Session

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion to approve the October 12th 2023 regular and executive meetings. Alderwoman Robinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Absent
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye

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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. Alderwoman Townsend made the motion seconded by Alderman Allen to pay accounts payable for November 2023, posting journals 4936-4938 in the amount of \$79,113.84. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Absent
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye

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5. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated that the auditor, Patrick Kintner, with Stanley, Dirnberger, Hopper and Associates, had presented the Fiscal Year 2023 audit to the attending aldermen on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 informing them of the following highlights:

HIGHLIGHTS

The City's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$8,462,085, which is an increase of \$46,052 from the prior year net position of \$8,416,033. The total net position consists of net investments in capital assets of \$6,539,962, restricted balances of \$154,229 and an unrestricted balance of \$1,767,894. The major driver for this increase was the final installment of Federal funding under the American Recovery Plan Act to which \$192,423 was applied to operational deficits from various City provided services.

The City's most significant general revenue is from sales and use tax which totaled \$1,242,549 for the year ended June 30, 2023 as compared to \$1,161,848 in the prior year. Also included in general revenues were \$179,919 in franchise taxes (\$173,431 in the prior year), \$81,190 in property taxes (\$80,265 in the prior year) and \$96,949 in gas and motor vehicles taxes (\$86,902 in prior year).

Business type activities (water and sewer) revenues from fees decreased slightly from \$742,017 in the prior year to \$734,279 in the current year.

Governmental activity expenses were \$1,771,374 for the year ended June 30, 2023 as compared to \$1,593,131 for the prior year. The largest expense fluctuation was within the area of public safety due mostly to an increase in personnel costs and supplies, but also resulting from additional depreciation expense on current and past capital outlays as well as the impact from the pension plan. Business type activities (water and sewer) expenses were \$808,890 as compared to \$797,244 for the prior year. Interest and fees of the sewer revenue bonds were \$48,400 as compared to \$53,847 in the prior year.

The City made the following transfers during the year ended June 30, 2023:

- ✓ \$1,366 from the General Fund to the MODOT Aviation Project to cover the City's matching portion of the grant costs.
- ✓ \$404,523 from the General Fund (from the ½ cent capital improvement sales tax) to the Public Library Fund for \$5,234 to the Water Fund for \$214,664 to the Sewer Fund for \$39,908 and the remaining \$144,717 was used within the General Fund (Administration, Parks, Airport and Fire Department) to cover allowable capital maintenance and improvement expenditures.
- ✓ \$190,000 from the General Fund (from the economic development sales tax) to the Sewer Fund to cover debt service payments related to the revenue bond issuances.
- ✓ \$163,115 from the Water Fund to the Library Fund for \$64,362 and \$98,753 to the General Fund to cover operational expenditures exceeding operational revenues.

Mayor Kirkpatrick requested a motion to approve the FY End Audit 2023. Alderwoman Townsend made the motion to accept the FY 2023 audit as presented. Alderman Allen seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye
Alderman Bishop	Absent	Alderwoman Robinson	Aye
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6. Mayor Kirkpatrick presented the council with the new renewal rates from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for the upcoming year. Alderwoman Robinson made the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen, to accept the Alternate Option 1 with an increase of \$9.29% brining the monthly amount from \$16231.48 to \$17,739.30. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Absent
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye
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7. Alderman Allen made the motion to remove all speedbumps in Meadowbrook Subdivision except one located near Dakota Clyburns property. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Absent
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Aye
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8. Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Piedmont and Smith and Company of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the project generally described as Survey, Engineering Design, Construction Inspection and Material Testing Services for the proposed water plant improvements funded through the SUDC Grant (Missouri Department of Natural Resources) in the amount not to exceed \$184,900.00. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Absent
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Alderman Robinson Aye
Alderman Townsend Aye

Alderman Bishop Absent
Alderman Allen Aye

William H. Kirkpatrick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
(SEAL)