

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Monday, March 24, 2014 6:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson, Councilman Robert Simpson

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Attorney Mike Segler, City Engineer Pat Garrett, Community Development Director Wade Harden, Police Chief Alex Oblen, Fire Chief Andy Logan and Secretary Mary Ramsey

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Valerie Thomerson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith called roll. A quorum was present and approximately 8 people were in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** - Flag Salute was led by Mayor Valerie Thomerson.
4. **INVOCATION** – Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** - **All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on February 24, 2014.
 - b. Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on March 6, 2014.
 - c. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).
 - d. Recognition/Approval of February 2014 Financial Statements.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve items 5 a & d. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked for item 5b to be pulled.
Councilman Albert Gliemann asked for item 5c to be pulled.

Mayor Valerie Thomason asked for correction to be made to the Special City Council March 6, 2014 minutes. Asked for the record to reflect that Councilman Robert Simpson did not vote for the meeting adjournment for Special City Council meeting on March 6, 2014. Councilman Robert Simpson exited chambers prior to discussion of Business item 3a and did not re-enter the room.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve change to minutes reflecting that Councilman Robert Simpson was in chambers during vote at adjournment of the Special City Council meeting on March 6, 2014. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Bobby Williamson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about expenses associated with repairs to the Water Tower.

City Manager Jim Crosby and City Treasurer Jennifer Smith explained that the costs are due to tornado damage and expenses will be covered by FEMA.

Councilman Ablert Gliemann made a motion to approve item 5c. Motion was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS - Topics to include those items *not listed in the agenda*.

Citizen Mr. Midkife asked about the road condition on Arrow Head Rd NE starting at County line. Road is nothing but dirt, would like the road chipped and sealed. Asking for some help. Between Morgan and County line Rd. only 6 houses on the road, 20 cars a day. Speed signs are lying in the ditch.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS –

None

9. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Unplanned Items – Requires 4/5ths Majority to Declare “New Business.”

None

MOTION TO RECESS TO THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING

Councilman Albert Gliemann made a motion to recess to Piedmont Municipal Authority meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

10. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT –

Beginning work on budgets for next fiscal year we will start meeting with Council soon about next year’s budget and departments. FOP negotiations are currently on going. Can provide an update privately. Does not see any concerns at this time.

12. ADMINISTRATION REPORT –

None

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Bobby Williamson – no comment.

Councilman Robert Simpson – Was approached by a citizen, how can a City Councilman named in an active lawsuit, as a person of interest vote on the PUD that was recently voted on in the Special City Council meeting on March 6, 2014

City Attorney Mike Segler explained that he would need more information and facts before he could provide council with direction. Person of Interest in not a legal term so additional information will be needed. Can invest and get additional information.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman provided some explanation that 2 members of the Council members are named in an active lawsuit by developer of the PUD. Defamation of character is what is named in the lawsuit; no additional action has taken place with the lawsuit.

Councilman Robert Simpson explained that the citizen inquiring feels like it could possibly be a conflict of interest.

City Attorney Mike Segler explained that a Conflict of Interest is what the public thinks. Does the Public official have something to gain? The next step would be to look at the facts. Unless the Councilman has something to gain or loss it is not a conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman thanked Piedmont Fire and Police department for the work they did at his home this past weekend. Great Team!!!

Councilman Albert Gliemann was asked by a citizen, if the Council and the Mayor voiced concerns that the PUD should have been redone and items that needed to go back to the Planning Commission. Why was item passed when the Council had questions? He would like to hear the opinion of the Councilman after it was decided the PUD had issues.

City Attorney Mike Segler explained that his question was pushing the limits of the comment section of the Agenda. He suggested the Councilman submit for an Agenda item.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson reminded Councilman Albert Gliemann that her comments were made openly at the last City Council meeting and are documented in the meeting minutes.

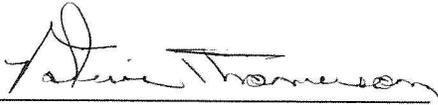
14. ADJOURN –

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to adjourn City Council meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

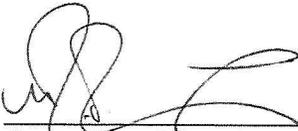
The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey