

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Bill Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Greg South, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$214,372.89 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-24 which is an agreement with the City of Piedmont and the Piedmont Health Care Authority to redeem the revenue bonds and secure private financing to expand the facilities therefore the council will agree by entering into an amended and restated lease agreement and sub-lease agreement with the authority. Matt Rogers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-24. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Dickeson made a motion to accept the bid from American Tank Maintenance, L.L.C. in the amount of \$906,756.00 for the maintenance on the water tanks. This will be a ten-year maintenance plan to restore the water tanks for the city. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Bobby Hardin.

Next Nathan Pope spoke to the Council about the no vote for the downtown bike and car show. He said that the downtown businesses made money on Blue Day and that is what the downtown needs to prosper. He said that people expect that alcohol will be served at these downtown events at other cities. He said they try to create events for people to come to Piedmont. Nathan asked the Council how we could move forward from this. After some discussion on the matter Matt Rogers made a motion to allow Shells Downtown Bar and Grill to have the cruise in with the same package which includes the sale of beer as they presented at the previous meeting. Greg South seconded the motion. The Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<b><u>YEAS</u></b>	<b><u>NAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ASTAIN</u></b>
Matt Rogers	Ben Keller	None
Greg South	Mary Bramblett	
Mayor Baker	Doug Dickeson	
	Bobby Hardin	
	Terry Kiser	

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas, 5 nays therefore, the downtown cruise event did not pass.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to form a committee with the downtown businesses to come to a solution for downtown events. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of September 2018. Officers had a total of 1203 contacts with the public. There were 12 felony arrests, 56 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 15 drug arrests, 5 crimes against persons arrests and 11 other agency arrests. There were 59 citations written, 5 accident reports, and 35 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 5 burglaries reported, 5 thefts reported, 19 cases investigated and 112 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$19,282.00 in fines for the month of September 2018. The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement for the month of September 2018. There were 39 total cases, 10 new yard cases, 5 cases being processed, 10 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 1 contract on structure, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

Next Chief Ledbetter informed the Council of an equipment grant for the fire department to purchase turnouts. The grant is \$112,000.00 which would buy 38 sets of turnouts for the department. The match on the grant would be \$12,000.00 and be paid from the fire tax fund. Mary Bramblett made a motion for the Chief to apply for the grant. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Reynolds Anderson from Spire Energy formally Alagasco discussed valuing the City of Piedmont's gas system.

Wilie Barnwell spoke to the Council about the downtown cruise-in that Shells Downtown Bar and Grill would like to host. He said that the City did not look business friendly by not allowing the sale of beer on the streets and generating people and money into the city.

Connie Reynolds asked the Council for permission to connect a camper to city power while work was done on a house that burnt.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked for the Bethune ballfield to be worked on.

Mary Bramblett asked for a budget meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Doug Dickeson asked about putting a sign at the Piedmont Highland Cemetery.

Matt Rogers made a motion to hire an animal control officer. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Bobby Hardin.

Greg South said that he represents the downtown businesses and they should have the right to do business in a responsible way.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that the airport sign has been put up at the entrance of the airport. He also reminded everyone of the Downtown Trick or Treat on Halloween from 4 to 6 pm.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.