

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
OCTOBER 17TH, 2017
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 the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$396,167.32 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of September 2017. Officers had 1104 total contacts with the public. There were 9 felony arrests, 49 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 17 drug arrests, 13 crimes against persons arrests, 5 theft arrests, 9 court/warrant arrests and 9 other agency arrests. There were 45 citations, 8 accident reports and 33 motorist assists. There was 1 violent crime reported, 7 burglaries, 13 thefts, 18 cases investigated and 110 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$14,110.68 in fines for the month of September 2017.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of September 2017. There were 28 total cases. 8 new yard cases, 4 cases being processed, 12 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 3 contracts on structure, 2 court appearances and 1 verbal contact.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the fire report for the month of September 2017. There were 2 automatic alarms, 2 grass fires, 2 hazardous materials calls, 4 vehicle accidents, 8 service calls, 2 vehicle fires, 4 ambulance assists and 1 landing zones established.

The Mayor called on Park and Recreation Director Jeff Formby to give a proposed recreational fee schedule for 2018. Basketball, baseball, softball and soccer would go from \$45.00 to \$50.00 registration and football would go from \$75.00 to \$100.00 with a \$25.00 increase per year over the next 3 years. Cheerleading would remain the same at \$125.00. There will be a \$15.00 late fee on late registrations. Bobby Hardin made the motion to adopt the new recreation fees. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Formby also asked the council to sponsor a cruise ride for \$1,000.00. Greg South made a motion to sponsor the cruise ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said that the skate park came in at the \$8,500.00 that had been set aside to move it to the Veterans Park.

Mary Bramblett asked where we are on the golf range. Jeff Formby told her they are working on tee boxes.

Matt Rogers said that he had spoken with Commissioner Lee Patterson about the animal control problems and about options for Piedmont.

He also mentioned the street paving that Commissioner Patterson does for the city and said that Ladiga St. was in bad need of repaving.

Doug Dickeson said the city needed to have an animal control plan with fees for picking up reclaimed animals and a fee to register your dogs.

Doug Dickeson also asked about the sign at the airport. The Mayor said it had been made but had not been put up yet.

Doug Dickeson said that he would like to revisit the dispatchers pay in the future and maybe go up on the fee that the city charges the rescue squad for the Ohatchee service.

Doug Dickeson made a motion that no more money be spent at the school until a representative of the school sets up a meeting to come talk to the Council. With no one seconding the motion, the motion dies.

Bobby Hardin said he is not against a dispatcher raise but the money is not there when the next day we have to get \$119,000.00 out of reserve to pay the AMEA bill.

Greg South made a motion to pay the power bills and gas bills first each month before any other bills were paid. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Doug Dickeson	Ben Keller	None
Matt Rogers	Mary Bramblett	
Greg South	Terry Kiser	
Bobby Hardin	Mayor Baker	

With 4 yeas and 4 nays the method of bill paying will remain the same as before the vote.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett thanked everyone for their kindness during the loss of her brother.

Doug Dickeson said a speed limit sign needed to be put on Steinburg Road.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South said that there needs to be some cutting measures in place and that it is mid-October and we still don't have a budget and that we've got to resolve these issues.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said he would speak with Commissioner Lee Patterson about paving Ladiga St. He also announced the Fall Festival on October 28th from 9:30 to 3:30 and the movie night also on the 28th. The announced the down town trick or treat for October 31st 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 7:25 pm.