

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</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 Doug Dickeson and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the Mayor informed the Council that the city attorney had recommended that the Council go into executive session to discuss possible litigation to the city. At this time Ben Keller made a motion that the Council go into executive session. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to enter into executive session. All members of the Council, Mayor and City Clerk entered the executive session. At this time the Mayor announced that the meeting would resume immediately following the executive session.

Following the executive session, the Mayor reconvened the meeting.

Mary Bramblett made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$513,479.48 were then presented for consideration for payment. Matt Rogers made a motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion the Mayor asked for a motion to purchase a bobcat with a groundshark from Thompson CAT. The price will be \$86,652.07 and will be paid in full by AMEA funds for the electrical

department. Bobby Hardin made the motion to allow the purchase of the bobcat. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments David Cook with Shell's Downtown Bar and Grill ask the Council for permission to have a car show in the downtown area on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Cook also asked that he have permission to sell beer on the street during the event. After some discussion Matt Rogers made a motion to allow the downtown car show on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Greg South seconded the motion and 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>ABSTAIN</u></b>
Matt Rogers	Ben Keller	Terry Kiser
Greg South	Mary Bramblett	
Mayor Baker	Doug Dickeson	
	Bobby Hardin	

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas, 4 nays and 1 abstention, therefore, the event did not pass.

Next Doug Dickeson made a motion to allow the car show to occur without the sell of beer. The City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked Mr. Cook if he still wanted to proceed with the car show without the sell of beer on the street. Mr. Cook replied no that it was a package deal. The motion died with no second.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson thanked Carl Hinton for getting the state to work on the right of way at the Highland Cemetery. He also asked that the city put a sign up at highway 21 and Memorial Dr. that shows a welcome to Piedmont and a sign point to the downtown business district.

Matt Rogers made a motion to sponsor 2019 Alabama Cycling Classic with the amount of \$15,000.00.

Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and 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>ABSTIAN</u></b>
Mary Bramblett	Ben Keller	none
Doug Dickeson	Greg South	
Matt Rogers	Bobby Hardin	
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 5 yeas, 3 nays, therefore, the \$15,000.00 sponsorship passed.

Greg South asked if the budget committee has met to discuss the budget. He also made a motion to budget \$15,000.00 to advertise the City of Piedmont on billboards in Gadsden, Anniston and Oxford.

Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Terry Kiser.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.