

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2016
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 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 minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2016 meeting. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with the four remaining members from the previous administration. Mary Bramblett then made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7th, 2016 Organizational meeting. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$720,943.40 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.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of October, 2016. Officers had a total of 1714 contacts with the public. There were 14 felony arrests, 53 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 18 drug arrests, 8 crimes against persons arrests and 19 court/warrant arrests. There were 31 citations written, 9 accident reports and 33 motorist assists. There were 6 burglaries reported, 20 thefts reported, 31 cases investigated and 122 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$14,112.72 in fines for the month of October.

Next the Chief gave the animal control report for the month of October, 2016. There were 21 calls for service, 1 preliminary investigation, 4 animals picked up, 3 animals returned to owner by ACO, and 7 sent to rescue/adopted.

The Chief then gave the nuisance and abatement report for the month of October, 2016. There were 26 total cases. 1 yard case, 2 new house cases, 14 cases being processed, 7 cases completed, 5 community service workers, 1 contract on building, 2 court appearances and 8 verbal contracts.

In Other Business Terry Kiser made the motion to raise the starting pay for a certified police officer to \$15.00 per hour and also raise the five officers that are already employed with the department up to \$15.00 per hour. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Greg South asked if the city had received the bingo figures from the first game. The Mayor said that we should receive them in the following week. He also asked if the utility bills could be itemized for easier understanding. The Mayor responded that he would talk with Casey Ponder about that.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson had no report.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser thanked the council for raising the pay for the police officers.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to check with Ingram Equipment to see what amount they would take to purchase a new sweeper truck for the city. Also if the price is affordable the council gives permission to go ahead and purchase before the next meeting. The original price is \$127,000.00. Terry Kiser made the motion to purchase the truck if a better price is afforded. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Boyd Canter came back to the Council and asked to be annexed out of the city limits. After some discussion Mary Bramblett made a motion to allow Mr. Canter to be de annexed from the city limits. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was tied with 4 yeahs and 4 nays therefore Mr. Canter would not be de annexed from the city.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.