

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
6:00PM

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 \$247,291.87 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 2017-23 which would be the 2018 holiday schedule for the city. Bobby Hardin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-23. Greg South seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-23 carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of November 2017. Officers had 1478 contacts with the public. There were 26 felony arrests, 50 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 15 drug arrests, 12 crimes against persons arrests, 5 theft arrests, 17 court/warrant arrests and 5 other agency arrests. There were 36 citations written, 8 accident reports and 39 motorist assists. There were 3 violent crimes reported, 3 burglaries reported, 7 thefts reported, 26 cases investigated and 101 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,852.40 for the month of November 2017. The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of November 2017. There were 25 total cases. 11 new yard cases, 2 new house cases, 5 cases being processed, 10 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 4 contracts on structure and 3 verbal contracts.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Fire Report for the month of November 2017. There were 2 structure fires, 1 automatic alarm, 2 vehicle fires, 4 woods/brush fires, 4 hazardous materials calls, 2 service calls, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 ambulance assist, 1 established landing zone and 1 mutual aid provided.

Next Bobby Hardin made the motion to let the employees off a half a day Friday and work the whole day on Thursday after the safety meeting luncheon. Greg South seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was 4 yeas and 4 nays therefore, the motion did not pass.

Next Terry Kiser made the motion to give the employees a personal day off of their choosing during the year. Eight hours for full time employees and 4 hours for part time employees. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Doug Dickeson	NONE
Mary Bramblett	Matt Rogers	
Terry Kiser	Greg South	

Mayor Baker

Bobby Hardin

Following the roll call the vote was 4 yeas and 4 nays therefore, the motion did not pass.

In Council Reports Ben Keller discussed tearing down houses and was it legal for the city to take the property after a year.

Mary Bramblett wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Doug Dickeson asked about the JSU study.

Matt Rogers discussed the budget and a work session meeting was set up for January 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget.

Greg South wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Bobby Hardin made a motion to implement a hiring freeze. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was 7 yeas and 1 nay therefore, the motion carried to implement a hiring freeze.

Michelle Franklin said that a gas department job had already been posted to replace an employee that had quit and asked if that job could still be filled. Bobby Hardin made the motion to allow the hiring of the gas employee. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Greg South.

Terry Kiser asked the Council to consider making Pleasant Acres Trail a city street.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.