

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JANUARY 15TH, 2019
6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at 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. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$389,650.16 were then presented for consideration. Doug Dickeson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Rick Freeman announced that the DAV would be hosting the Memorial Day program on Memorial Day May 27th, at 10:00 am. He also asked the Council for a one day of pool money for the DAV.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of December 2018. Officers had a total of 1383 contacts with the public. There were 16 felony arrests, 61 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 1 theft arrest, 24 court/warrant arrests and 7 other agency arrests. There were 60 citations written, 12 accident reports and 29 motorist assists. There was 1 violent crime reported, 4 burglaries reported, 5 thefts reported, 14 cases investigated and 101 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal court collected \$21,697.20 in fines for the month of December 2018.

The Chief then gave the Police Activities Report for the 2018 year. There were 18372 total contacts with the public. There were 178 felony arrests, 914 misdemeanor arrests, 306 drug arrests, 106 crimes against persons arrests, 42 theft arrests, 327 court/warrant arrests and 115 other agency arrest. There were 853 citations written, 103 accident reports and 411 motorist assists. There were 33 violent crimes reported, 50 burglaries reported, 126 thefts reported, 198 cases investigated and 1482 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$280,816.52 in fines for the 2018 year.

The Chief gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of December 2018. There were 14 total cases. 2 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 5 cases being processed, 5 cases completed, 1 community service worker, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contacts.

In Visitor's Comments Connie Reynolds shared her concerns about an abatement letter that her son received.

Harry Nuttall delivered his yearly check for first responders.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said a pot hole needed fixing on Lee St.

Mary Bramblett said this was a feel-good meeting and appreciates the work everyone is doing.

Doug Dickeson asked that the state championship sign be moved closer to the road and signs for business district and the high school be put up. He also said Paul Byers was recovering from open heart surgery and to remember him in prayer.

Matt Rogers said the Council needs to come together and go by and talk to business owners and support Piedmont.

Greg South said there is a lot of progress going on and he is excited to see more things happen.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin informed the Council that the city needed to purchase new trash cans for customers. Terry Kiser made a motion to purchase 200 new cans for \$12,000.00 from Shafer Systems International, Inc. and the funds be taken from the Capital Investment savings account. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor thanked everyone for coming together for a vision for Piedmont. He also informed the Council of the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention on May 4th – 7th in Mobile.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.