

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JANUARY 16TH, 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 Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling 559,302.77 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration to suspend the rules for Ordinance No 617 which is a wrecker rotation policy for the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No 617. Matt Rogers 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	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 suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No 617.

Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Ordinance No 617. Mary Bramblett 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	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 adopt Ordinance No 617.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the Piedmont Health Care Board to fill the remaining term of Vera Myers. Doug Dickeson nominated Diane Studdard to finish the term. Terry Kiser seconded the motion. Mary Bramblett made a motion that the nominations be closed. There was a unanimous vote for Diane Studdard to fill the term.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to adopt the 2017-2018 budget for the City of Piedmont. 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	Greg South	None
Mary Bramblett		
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 7 yeas and 1 nay. Therefore, the 2017-2018 budget passed.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of December, 2017. There were 1570 total contacts with the public. There were 7 felony arrests, 68 misdemeanor arrests, 4 DUI arrests, 5 drug arrests, 7 crimes against persons arrests, 5 theft arrests, 37 court/warrant arrests and 6 other agency arrests. There were 27 citations written, 16 accident reports and 41 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 3 burglaries reported, 12 thefts reported, 15 cases investigated and 106 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$17,113.00 in fines for the month of December 2017.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of December 2017. There were 20 total cases new and on-going. 5 cases being processed, 5 cases completed 2 community service workers, 2 court appearances and 4 verbal contracts.

Chief Norton informed the Council that he needed to replace a part-time dispatcher. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the Chief to replace the dispatcher. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Bobby Hardin.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Fire Report for the month of December 2017. There were 3 structure fires, 3 automatic alarms, 4 grass/woods fires, 6 vehicle accidents, 3 ambulance assists, 1 hazardous materials call and 9 service calls. Chief Ledbetter also gave the report for the year

2017. There were 28 structure fires, 24 automatic alarms, 4 false alarms, 20 hazardous materials calls, 39 woods/grass fires, 10 vehicle fires, 108 service calls, 19 landing zones established, 4 trash/rubbish fires, 61 vehicle accidents and 41 ambulance assists.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said he would clear some limbs at Thankful Baptist Church if the street department would pick them up at the side of the road.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson asked about the Cemetery right of way and also if a tree falls on the power line on private property who is responsible for the fee to repair the lines.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South said he is actively working on incentives for downtown.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.