

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JANUARY 3, 2017
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 minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$38,067.95 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of the Air Evac helicopter flight plan for the citizens of Piedmont. This plan would cover the citizens of Piedmont in the event of an accident that happened in the 36272 zip code of Piedmont. The cost to the city for the plan would be \$17,300.00 for one year coverage. Doug Dickeson made the motion to accept the Air Evac plan for Piedmont. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to re-appoint Ms. Sandra Ford and Mr. Kip McFry to the Piedmont Health Care Board for another term. Greg South made the motion to re-appoint the members for another term. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration for a board appointment for the Piedmont Center Cherokee Airport Authority. He said that the board had recommended Attorney Brent Morrison for the position due to the fact that he is an attorney and has piloting experience. Mary Bramblett made the motion to appoint Brent Morrison to the board. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Matt Rogers made a motion to put the RV Park on hold until the city has a plan for what will take place at the complex to bring in people to camp. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to hire a city attorney for the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser made the motion to rehire Ron Allen as Piedmont's Attorney. 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	Doug Dickeson	Greg South
Mary Bramblett		
Matt Rogers		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call the vote was 5 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention therefore Attorney Ron Allen was rehired by the City of Piedmont.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration for a City Prosecutor for the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser made the motion to rehire Jake Matthews as Piedmont's City Prosecutor. 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	Doug Dickeson	Greg South
Mary Bramblett		
Matt Rogers		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call the vote was 5 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention therefore, Jake Matthews was rehired as the City Prosecutor by the City of Piedmont.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration for a Public Defender for the City of Piedmont. Doug Dickeson made the motion to rehire Attorney Richard Couch as Piedmont's Public Defender. 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>
Mary Bramblett Doug Dickeson Matt Rogers Greg South Bobby Hardin Terry Kiser	NONE	Ben Keller

Following the roll call the vote was 6 yeas and 1 abstention, therefore, Richard Couch was rehired as the Public Defender by the City of Piedmont.

Greg South made a motion that the salaries for the Judge, City Attorney, Prosecutor and Public Defender stay the same and not be increased at this time. Doug Dickeson 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 Mary Bramblett Doug Dickeson Matt Rogers Greg South Bobby Hardin	Terry Kiser	NONE

Following the roll call the vote was 6 yeas and 1 nay, therefore the salaries for the above will stay the same.

Bobby Hardin asked that we look into the on the street parking in front of residence houses that have driveways.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Harry Nutall presented his annual check to the city for the first responders.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the city employees for cutting the tree down on Church St. Mary Bramblett said we needed to appoint members to the Commercial Development Board. Doug Dickeson said the road beside Alaco needed repairing. Matt Rogers had no report. Greg South had no report. Bobby Hardin had no report. Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he was looking forward to working with the new council. The council also decided to have a work session on January 24th, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

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