

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
9-17-2019
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 minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$322,427.40 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next Tim Baird spoke to the Council about 10 acres of land owned by the City to put kennels to raise service dogs. After some discussion the Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the property matter. Bobby Hardin made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the property matter. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
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 go into executive session. The Mayor announced that the meeting would resume following the executive session.

After the executive session the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2019-10 which is an abatement on 403 5th Ave. Terry Kiser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Resolution 2019-10 was adopted unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of August 2019. There were 1525 total contacts with the public. There were 16 felony arrests, 70 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 25 drug arrests, 4 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, 35 court/warrant arrests and 8 other agency arrest. There were 44 citations written, 8 accident reports, 26 motorist assists. There was 1 violent crime, 8 burglaries reported, 9 thefts reported, 25 cases investigated and 131 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$21,335.00 in fines for the month of August 2019.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Animal Control Report for the month of August 2019. There were 29 calls for service, 2 investigations/court cases, 26 animals picked up, 23 animals taken to shelter and 3 reclaimed by owner.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of August 2019. There were 27 total cases, 19 total yard cases, 1 new house case, 11 cases being processed, 14 cases completed, 2 contracts on structure, 3 court appearances, 3 verbal contacts.

In Visitor's Comments Harley Bonds spoke about the abatement process and complained that her elderly grandfather was being "picked on" by the abatement officer.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked about grant information.

Mary Bramblett said that Commissioner Lee Patterson took care of the signage needed for Porter Johnson Road.

Doug Dickeson announced that there would be a Burn Out at Stroked Out Diesel on Saturday night.

Matt Rogers said he would be hosting a meeting at the Clyde Pike Civic Center September 24th to create the Piedmont Trail Club.

Greg South asked the Council to consider resource officers for the school system for both campuses.

The Council agreed to a joint meeting with the school board to discuss the matter further.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser said that Cherokee County was trying to get a resource officer.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor announced a Fall Bazar on October 10th at the Piedmont Health Care Authority. He also wished Mary Bramblett a Happy Birthday.

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 7:06 pm.