

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT

1-21-2020

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, 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 \$711,998.55 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 2020-02 which would name an alleyway located at West Ladiga and ending at the Chief Ladiga Trail. The alleyway will be named Trail Park Drive. Mary Bramblett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and Resolution 2020-02 was adopted with one "no" vote by Bobby Hardin.

Greg South made a motion to use the \$26,000 that was allocated for economic development to pay for the new police car. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the year 2019. Officers had 17415 total contacts with the public. There were 208 felony arrests, 850 misdemeanor arrests, 34 DUI arrests, 280 Drug Arrests, 67 Crimes against persons, 34 theft arrests, 366 court/warrant arrests and 114 other agency arrest. There were 773 citations written, 83 accident reports and 400 motorist assists. There were 12 violent crimes reported, 45 burglaries reported, 149 thefts reported, 269 cases investigated and 1394 incident reports. There were 24,090 total calls to the communications center and the Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$262,840.00 in fines for the year 2019.

The Chief then gave the annual report for the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement for 2019. There were 186 total cases, 148 cases that came in compliance once notified, 32 cases taken to court, 6 yard cases, 8 structures taken down by the City and 2 structures taken down by the owner.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett recognized Dr Adam Clemons for being voted the Principal of the Year in the State of Alabama.

Doug Dickeson asked the council to consider doing \$500,000.00 worth of paving with the grant money and county money that would come to the City.

Matt Rogers said that the City would be taking bids for the repairs on the downtown gazebo.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said the trophy presentation for the Piedmont Bulldogs was great.

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 6:16pm.