

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
2-20-2018  
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. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$897,285.77 were then presented for consideration for payment. Doug Dickeson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Greg South.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of January 2018. Officers had 1629 total contacts with the public. There were 6 felony arrests, 76 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 12 drug arrests, 6 crimes against persons arrests, 7 theft arrests, 33 court/warrant arrests and 9 other agency arrests. There were 73 citations written, 1 accident report and 41 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 4 burglaries reported, 14 thefts reported, 15 cases investigated and 131 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$16,242.50 in fines for the month of January 2018.

Chief Norton then gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for January 2018. There were 25 total cases. 3 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 5 cases being processed, 3 cases completed, 3 community service workers, 1 contract on structure, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said the city needed to put signs coming into all entrances of the city about the Veterans Park.

Doug Dickeson said the council needed to have a work session to go over the JSU study. He also asked about raising the garbage pick-up fee following the increase from the land fill.

Matt Rogers said that the Council had already budgeted for an officer to do the abatement in the city and we haven't hired yet; he said he would like to see a resource officer hired for the schools in light of the school shootings. He also said he had spoken with Commissioner Lee Patterson about animal control and the Commissioner said they are working on a plan for the whole county. He also said he had talked to Rainbow City and management had changed and there may be an opportunity for Piedmont.

Greg South said he would like to set up a meeting in the near future to discuss hiring a recruiter.

Bobby Hardin said the budget needed to be adjusted to reflect the \$80,000.00 for sewer lagoon aerators and the new heating and cooling unit at the Civic Center.

Terry Kiser said he needed to know a street that needs paving from each district to give to Commissioner Lee Patterson by the next meeting.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor congratulated the Piedmont High School Boys Basketball Team for making it to the Regionals at Jacksonville State.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Greg South seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.