

CITY OF PIEDMONT
FEBRUARY 6TH, 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. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$444,780.42 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 with one "no" vote by Matt Rogers.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-01 which is an abatement for 411 North Center Ave. for demolition. Doug Dickeson made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-01. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Greg South made a motion to return 2.5% of gross sales tax collected from the city back to new retail or food services in the downtown historic businesses each month. After some discussion there was no second, therefore, the motion dies. The Council then decided to hold a work session on February 13th, 2018 at 6:00 pm to further discuss incentives for the city.

Next Jennifer Green from JSU presented the compensation analysis study to the Council. The Council discussed having a work session to go over the study.

Matt Rogers made a motion to except the low bid from Apel Machine & Supply Company Inc. for \$80,299.87 to install the lagoon aerators installation. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Harry Nuttall presented the city with his annual donation of \$150.00 for first responders.

Labreska Ponder asked the Council to sponsor a \$500,000.00 grant for an ATV park on land that they purchased with a Piedmont address. She explained that there would be no cost to the city. Doug Dickeson made the motion to sponsor pending approval from City Attorney Ron Allen. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doyce White said that he felt the incentive that Greg South had proposed might be a conflict of interest for Greg.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said she and Lane Weatherbee had met with Don Hopper from the Calhoun County Chamber to try to put a business in Piedmont.

Doug Dickeson said the city needed to put an animal reclaim fee in place.

Matt Rogers announced the Foothills Bike Race on April 8th.

Greg South said the council needed to decide what to do about incentives and not ask the lawyer to tell them what they can't do. He said the Council needs to get things going.

Bobby Hardin said he had concerns with Greg's proposal because businesses are struggling and helping new business might put an old business out of business.

Terry Kiser said he contacted County Commissioner Lee Patterson about paving one or two more streets when they paved East Ladiga Street.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said the Ag Pro grand opening was a huge success with 300 to 400 people attending.

He also informed the Council that Three Corners Land Field was increasing their prices and the Council may need to look at a garbage increase to the citizens.

He announced that Dr. Edmond would be opening in June at the old hospital.

With no other business to come before the Council Ben Keller made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.