

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
FEBRUARY 7TH, 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, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser. Greg South arrived late to the meeting.

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 \$446,854.70 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Matt Rogers made a motion to table the franchise agreement with Local Government Services until more information was received for the next meeting. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Rogers made the motion to allow Superintendent Casey Ponder to have the electrical digger truck repaired at the amount of \$7,157.37. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Rogers made the motion to bring the sweeper truck back from the repair shop due to the fact that the cost to repair would be approximately \$40,000. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Bobby Hardin made the motion not to pursue the contract with Air Evac for the citizens of Piedmont. 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	Ben Keller	None
Terry Kiser	Doug Dickeson	
Mayor Baker	Matt Rogers	
	Greg South	
	Bobby Hardin	

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas and 5 nays, therefore, the Air Evac contract will not be pursued by the City of Piedmont.

Terry Kiser said that the city needed to look into going back to cutting the Chief Ladiga Trail instead of contracting it out. After some discussion Doug Dickeson made the motion to get bids on the Chief Ladiga

Trail and the Piedmont Highland Cemetery. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ben Keller questioned the duties of the Piedmont Police Department Investigator. After some discussion with Chief Norton a meeting was planned to discuss the issue further.

Doug Dickeson asked that the city get a copy of the Piedmont City Schools audit.

In Visitor's Comments John Bailey asked that cameras be placed at the park bathrooms to catch the people vandalizing the restrooms.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that a stop sign was needed at the Mapco on Highway 278. He also announced the Black History Month Program at the Bethune Center on February 24th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Mary Bramblett said that the eighteen wheelers needed to be stopped on Alabama Street.

Doug Dickeson said that the road needed to be fixed at Alaco and someone needed to call the state to get it repaired. He also said that his constituents said that there was not enough coverage of the council meetings in the Piedmont Journal.

Matt Rogers said he had done a comparison of Alabama Power bills and City of Piedmont. He also said he had spoken with a company about doing energy audits.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser said that the new signs for dynamic braking would be in place by the next meeting. He also commended the Police Department for the good job they do.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said he appreciated the city employees and the jobs they do. He also said that the McDonald's building would be torn down and a new building would be built.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.