

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
MARCH 20TH, 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, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Greg South, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser. Mary Bramblett was absent from 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 \$543,670.30 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.

The Mayor then informed the Council that he would be reappointing Debra Ledbetter to the Piedmont Housing Authority Board for another term.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-05 which is an abatement on 302 Gadsden St. Doug Dickeson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of February 2018. There were 1535 total contacts with the public. There were 18 felony arrests, 107 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 34 drug arrests, 8 crimes against persons arrests, 1 theft arrests, 33 court/warrant arrests and 8 other agency arrests, There were 95 citations written, 4 accident reports and 20 motorist assists. There were 5 violent crimes reported, 5 burglaries reported, 13 thefts reported, 14 cases investigated and 131 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$19,230.84 in fine money for the month of February 2018.

Chief Norton then gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of February 2018. There were 26 total cases, 4 new yard cases, 2 new house cases, 6 cases being processed, 5 cases completed, 3 community service workers, 1 contract on structure, 2 court appearances and 4 verbal contracts.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Fire Report for the month of February 2018. There were 2 automatic alarms, 1 false alarm, 3 wood/grass fires, 2 vehicle accidents, 2 ambulance assist, 3 service calls, 1 hazardous materials call and 2 landing zones established. Chief Ledbetter informed the Council of the passing of Assistant Fire Chief James Buttram who served as a Fireman for 52 years. Mr. Buttram was 91 years old. Chief Ledbetter said the Fire Department would provide him with a Fireman's Funeral.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the Electrical Department for getting the power back on quickly after the storm.

Doug Dickeson asked about the progress of the cemetery wall. Carl Hinton said that a state engineer had looked at it and would get back with him. He asked the Council to schedule a work session to go over the JSU study. The Council decided on April 2nd, 2018 at 5:00 pm. He also said he would like 3 trash service estimates and what the city is making on trash service.

Matt Rogers thanked everyone that came out and worked during the storm. He said to remember Jacksonville as they rebuild after the tornado. He also asked that we remember the family of Ms. Terry Green Rainey who passed away.

Greg South reminded the Council of the meeting with Joan Young on Monday the 26th, at 10:00 am. He also gave thanks to the Lord for protection during the storm.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser asked if the AMEA money could be used to purchase trucks for the Electrical Department.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that he told the City of Jacksonville that the City of Piedmont would assist in any of their needs. He also read a Proclamation from Governor Kay Ivey declaring Alabama a State of Emergency of a 30 day period.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.