

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
MARCH 21ST, 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, 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$521,475.83 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 unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Ordinance 612 which is a piece of City owned property located where the skate park is at this time. Terry Kiser made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 612. Mary Bramblett 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>
Ben Keller	None	None
Mary Bramblett		
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to suspend the rules for immediate consideration.

Terry Kiser then made the motion to adopt Ordinance 612. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	NONE	NONE
Mary Bramblett		
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		

Greg South
Bobby Hardin
Terry Kiser
Mayor Baker

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to adopt Ordinance 612.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-01 which is a Resolution to pass the 2016-2017 budget. Matt Rogers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-01 passed with one "no" vote by Greg South.

The Mayor then informed the Council that he would be reappointing Walter Prater for another term on the Piedmont Housing Authority Board.

Next on the agenda Mary Bramblett made a motion to repair a sewage problem on Craig Ave. with the amount of repairs being \$18,377.92. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of February, 2017. Officers had 1561 total contacts with public. There were 10 felony arrests, 54 misdemeanor arrests, 19 drug arrests, 9 crimes against persons arrests, 1 theft arrest, 11 court/warrant arrests. There were 45 citations, 12 accident reports and 25 motorists assists. There were 4 violent crimes reported, 3 burglaries reported, 12 thefts reported and 23 cases investigated. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected a total of \$19,558.74 in fines for the month of February, 2017.

The Chief gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of February, 2017. There were 18 total cases, 3 yard cases, 1 new house case, 6 cases being processed, 4 cases completed, 3 community service workers, 2 contracts on structures and 1 court appearance.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Animal Control Report for the month of February, 2017. There were 25 calls for service, 1 court case, 20 animals picked up, 20 strays, 3 reclaimed by owner and 12 sent to rescue.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Fire Report for the month of February, 2017. There was 1 structure fire, 3 automatic alarms, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 trash fire, 2 brush fires, 2 hazardous materials incidents, 4 service calls, 1 ambulance assist and 3 established landing zones.

Next after some discussion between Chief Ledbetter and the Council, Terry Kiser made the motion that the new hire non-certified fire fighters are to be paid \$11.50 per hour and the new hire certified fire fighters are to be paid \$13.50 per hour also that the full-time fire fighters be paid \$14.00 per hour. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser made the motion to accept the low bid from B & T Lawn Care for the Highland Cemetery and the Chief Ladiga Trail cutting. The price per cut for the cemetery is \$1,000 per

cut and the Chief Ladiga Trail was \$850.00 per cut. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Dickeson made a motion to have Attorney Ron Allen look into who owns the Piedmont School System. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett thanked the Water and Gas Department for repairing a major fire hydrant leak on 5th Ave.

Doug Dickeson thanked Chief Norton for having the city roads cleaned up.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin asked about relocating the skate park.

Terry Kiser said that all signs had been put up.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor announced a meeting at the DAV that pertained to helping after a disaster on March 25th, 2017.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.