

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
MARCH 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, 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 the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$54,567.90 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor then read a Proclamation honoring Dr. Matt Akin declaring February 26th, 2017 Matt Akin day in the City of Piedmont.

Chief Ledbetter asked the Councils permission to hire a fireman because one of his firemen had left to take another job. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow Chief Ledbetter to replace the fireman. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Ledbetter also asked that the Council consider a pay raise for the firemen. He said a fireman's starting pay is \$10.36 per hour. He gave the Council some comparisons of other cities and asked that they think about an increase.

Terry Kiser made a motion to allow Chief Ledbetter to surplus several old flashlights that can no longer be used by the fire department. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Dr. Ben Ingram asked the Council to pour a sidewalk in front of the Roberts House owned by the Piedmont Historical Society. The Council asked Dr. Ingram for a five year plan for the Roberts House to be given to them before the next meeting.

Next Phillip Winkles with the Piedmont Rescue Squad asked the Council about the property located on South Center Ave where the rescue squad is relocating their offices. He asked that the city surplus the property behind the building where the skate park is located. After some discussion Terry Kiser made the motion to surplus the property. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked the Councils permission to allow Electrical Superintendent Casey Ponder to replace a lineman and 2 ground men that he has lost in the past couple of months. Mary Bramblett made the motion to replace the 3 positions. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ben Keller asked if a system could be put in at the civic center weight room for a 24/7 service.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to pass the 2016-2017 budget for the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows.

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Ben Keller	Doug Dickeson	NONE
Mary Bramblett	Greg South	
Matt Rogers	Bobby Hardin	
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 5 yeas and 3 nays therefore the 2016-2017 budget passed.

Park and Recreation director Jeff Formby asked the Council to purchase two new lawnmowers for the recreation department. The department cuts 70 acres of grass and the lawnmowers are worn out. Doug Dickeson made the motion to allow Jeff Formby to purchase two new mowers with the state bid price. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Ben Keller.

Doug Dickeson questioned the schools audit and the insurance that the city pays on the school buildings.

Bobby Hardin made the motion to declare the old garbage truck as surplus. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There were no Visitor's Comments.

There were no Council Reports.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed the Council that Charlie Fagan would have four sections of property for sale if the City was interested.

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 8:17 pm.