

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 19TH, 2016

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, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper and Brenda Spears were 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. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$440,157.69 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next Kim Dobbs Williams asked the councils permission to have a roadblock to help her friend that needs a lung and heart transplant. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the roadblock. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda Frank Cobb made the motion to table the school board appointment until the next meeting so all council members could vote. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of the Charter Franchise agreement. Kenny Kelley made the motion to table the agreement until it was looked into further. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police report for the month of March 2016. There were 1579 total contacts with the public. There were 20 felony arrests, 68 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 45 drug arrests, 11 crimes against persons arrest, 2 theft arrests and 13 court/warrant arrests. There were 12 citations written, 13 accident reports and 31 motorist assists. There were 4 violent crimes reported, 7 burglaries reported, 13 thefts reported, 23 cases investigated and 121 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,130.75 in fines for the month of March 2016. Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of March 2016. There were 30 total cases. 1 yard case, 12 cases being processed, 2 cases completed, 3 community service workers, 1 court appearance and 14 verbal contacts. Chief Norton then gave the Animal Control report for the month of March 2016. There were 34 calls for service. 2 preliminary investigations, 1 follow-up investigation, 44 animals picked up, 3 animals returned to owner, 41 animals took to shelter, 27 strays, 14 surrendered by owner and 6 reclaimed by owner.

Next Chief Ledbetter gave the Fire report for the month of March 2016. There were 5 structure fires, 3 automatic alarms, 2 false alarms, 2 mutual aid calls, 3 woods fires, 1 vehicle fire, 6, ambulance assist, 7 vehicle accidents, 1 hazardous materials call, 2 landing zones established and 2 trash/rubbish fires.

In Other Business, Frank Cobb made the motion to accept the lowest bid for a John Deere 5055E Utility Tractor for the Street Department. Piedmont Outdoor came in at the lowest price of \$19,651.50. Snead Ag Supply and Service bid was \$22,097.00. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with the tractor being purchased from Piedmont Outdoor.

Kenny Kelley said that he would like the Power and Light Superintendent, Water, Gas and Sewer Superintendent and the Street Supervisor be made department heads to be voted on by the next administration. After a lengthy discussion no action was taken.

Terry Kiser said that he would like to see Williams Street and Riddle Ave. paved.

Mary Bramblett said there needed to be more teeth in the abatement ordinance.

Next Frank Cobb made the motion to table the purchase of a lawnmower for the Park and Recreation Department until the next meeting.

Frank Cobb then made the motion to allow the Power and Light Department to purchase a new Chevrolet 2500 truck purchased through East Alabama to replace the supervisor truck that had been sold recently. With the sale of 2 trucks and one digger truck the total was \$24,000.00. The new truck for the department would cost \$30,588.66. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the electrical department for taking down a tree in his district.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed the Council that The Frazier Lanier Company would be hosting a dinner at the league convention. He announced that the Chat with the Chamber meeting went very well with at least 20 people in attendance.

He also announced the Chief Ladiga Cruise Bike Ride on May 15th, 2016 at 8:00 am.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.