

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
APRIL 3RD, 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, Mary Bramblett, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Greg South, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Doug Dickeson 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. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$81,203.55 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Matt Parker with Joe Jolly Investment Banking spoke to the Council about refinancing the Water, Gas and Sewer Board Bond that will be callable on September 1st. Mr. Parker explained that there could be some saving with lower interest rates and that he would prepare some information for the Council to review.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-06 which is an abatement on 310 First Ave for a clean up. Bobby Hardin made the motion that Resolution 2018-06 be approved. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2018-06 passed unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson asked to reschedule the JSU study meeting. The meeting was scheduled for the first Council Meeting in May.

He asked for the progress on the garbage study. He said there needed to be a more aggressive plan for the Park and Recreation fees. He said we needed a more aggressive abatement. He also said that the electrical department would be receiving \$40k for pole attachments and could possibly use this money to purchase meter reading trucks.

Matt Rogers said that there were large aggressive dogs that are attacking livestock around the Hughes and Spencer St. area.

Greg South said that the police department has increased the number of citations and he made a motion to get bids on two police cars that are equipped and accept the lowest bid. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Hardin made a motion to get prices on meter reading trucks to be paid for with the AT&T pole attachment funds. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Hardin made the motion to increase the Aquatic Center rates from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for day passes, single rates from \$50.00 to \$100.00, family passes from \$100.00 to \$200.00 and parties from \$100.00 to \$175.00 not including the fee for lifeguards. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was 5 yeas and 3 nays, therefore, the pool rates would be increased at the start of the pool season.

Terry Kiser said that the Council needed to get their priorities in line and that the police cars were worn out and needed replacing.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said he had spoken with the Rainbow City Mayor and they could not accept a contract with the city for animal control. He also announced opening day of baseball the following Saturday at 9:00 am.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.