

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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 Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Brenda Spears said that the fire report was done in the work session and should not be in the minutes and asked that it be omitted from the minutes and the Mayor gives the report in his report. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved with the omission of the fire report. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$486,185.15 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 for payment unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 608 which is an annexation into the City of Piedmont for Mr. Doug and Paula Dickeson of 1370 Steinburg Road and Mr. Larry and Irma Austin of 1366 Steinburg Road. Frank Cobb made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 608. Kenny Kelley 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		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		

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

Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Ordinance 608. Terry Kiser 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		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to adopt Ordinance 608 for the annexation of the two properties.

Following a background check by Chief Norton for the owners of the Locos Cantina LLC Frank Cobb made the motion to pass the liquor application for the restaurant. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser asked if Ordinance 580 could be amended concerning contractors leaving cut trees for the city to pick up.

Mary Bramblett asked if there could be an Ordinance for residence leaving the garbage cans on the street after the trash has been picked up.

Frank Cobb said he would like to see the saving from the bond refinance go to paving some roads.

Mark Harper mentioned the city sponsoring a bike race.

The Mayor then called on Jeff Formby to give the bid results for the grass cutting of the Chief Ladiga Trail. A & W Lawn Care was the lowest bidder at \$3,150.00 per month. The other bids were Kirk Lawn Care at \$3,525.00 and A-Team at 3,900.00 per month.

Frank Cobb made the motion to accept the low bid from A & W Lawn Care to cut the Chief Ladiga Trail. Mark Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper then asked for the school board appointment to be on the next agenda and he stated that he would be nominating Mr. Lin Latta. Brenda Spears said that she would be nominating Mrs. Brenda Smith.

Mark Harper asked about the progress on the RV Park. Jeff Formby said that the lots had been laid out.

Ricky Jackson asked the council to purchase a new John Deere Tractor for the street department. He was asked to get another bid for the tractor.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the electrical department for getting the lights put up at the new Bethune ball field.

Mary Bramblett thanked Ricky Jackson and the street department for the work done in her district.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$486,185.15 with the Payroll and Taxes for the week of March 18 for \$53,808.78 and the week of March 24 for \$58,441.14 and April 1 for \$55,204.80. The total for Bills of Payment and Payroll and Taxes for tonight's meeting is \$653,639.87.

The Council has been given no prior information concerning two events that involve the City of Piedmont and employees.

- (1) The Chief Ladiga Bike Ride on Friday, April 15 that is sponsored by the City of Piedmont starting in Jacksonville at 8 am to the AL-GA Stateline.

- (2) A Softball Benefit at Piedmont's Sports Complex on Saturday, April 23 from 7am to 9pm.

Thanks to the Police Department and the Fire Department and the Piedmont Rescue Squad for the actions taken on Tuesday, March 29 when two vehicles exploded at midnight on the 100 block of Adamson Street. Lab analysis will provide information about the explosions.

Roberts Rules of Order state that only what is said in a council meeting by a person who is present at the meeting and speaks on any subject or topic can be submitted in the official minutes and voted as correct by the council. The minutes the council votes to approve or disapprove become the official record keeping.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Report the Mayor informed everyone that opening day of baseball is April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am. He informed the council that the drainage problem at the Piedmont Elementary School had been repaired. He informed everyone that the Chat with the Chamber would be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 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 7:36pm.