

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

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, 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. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$421,099.27 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.

Mary Bramblett made the motion to reappoint Matt Rogers to the AMEA Elections Committee. 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 April 2018. Officers had 1753 total contacts with the public. There were 18 felony arrests, 83 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 33 drug arrests, 12 crimes against persons arrests, 3 theft arrests and 40 court/warrant arrests. There were 79 traffic citations, 9 accident reports and 27 motorist assists. There were 3 violent crimes reported, 4 burglaries reported, 11 thefts reported, 20 cases investigated and 114 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$30, 075.90 in court fines for the month of April 2018. Chief Norton then gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of April 2018. There were 48 total cases. 31 total new yard cases, 2 new house cases, 12 cases being processed, 18 cases completed, 1 community service worker and 5 verbal contracts. Chief Norton explained to the Council that his investigator had accepted a new position and that he would be short an officer. Matt Rogers made the motion to allow Chief Norton to hire a new officer for the Police Department. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked the Council to rescind the motion from the previous meeting asking the Chairman of the Commercial Development Board to come give a monthly report to the Council. After some discussion Mary Bramblett made the motion to rescind the motion. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ben Keller	Matt Rogers	None
Mary Bramblett	Greg South	
Doug Dickeson		
Bobby Hardin		

Terry Kiser  
Mayor Baker

Following the roll call the vote was 6 yeas and 2 nays, therefore, the motion was rescinded.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked that the Park and Recreation put some top soil in the outfield of the Bethune Softball Field.

Mary Bramblett asked about an abatement meeting.

Doug Dickeson asked about the tennis court status. Jeff Formby said it was on their list. He also asked about the Park and Recreation Concession stand money and how much of a percentage the City gets.

Jeff Formby said it was 30% net sales. He also said he had received several complaints on the motel.

Matt Rogers said that he had a sketch by the people that did the mural in Jacksonville and wanted to show the Council and maybe have them paint one for Piedmont.

Greg South discussed abatement issues and strengthening the city's policy on repeat drug calls to residents and businesses property.

Greg South made a motion to put a canvas awning on the City building in the amount of \$5,700.00. With no one seconding the motion the motion died.

Greg South then made a motion to get estimates on the upstairs windows in the City building. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser said he had spoken with the County Commissioner and the paving of Ladiga St. would begin at the end of the month.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked the Council's permission to start the interview process for the Water, Gas and Sewer Superintendent Job. Mary Bramblett made the motion to start the interview process.

Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed everyone that the Piedmont Aquatic Center would be opening on Memorial Day.

With no other business to come before the Council Ben Keller made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.