

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
MAY 18, 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, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser. Frank Cobb was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word 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 with one "no" vote by Brenda Spears.

The bills totaling \$656,674.41 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment with one "no" vote by Brenda Spears.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration for Resolution 2016-09 which is abatement on 213 Harris Ave for the demolition and removal of the structure. Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-09. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Resolution 2016-09 was approved unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-10 which is an agreement with The City of Piedmont and Local Government Services, LLC for cable television franchise management advisory services. Brenda Spears made the motion to table the Resolution until the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and make the two page agreement part of the Resolution. Mark Harper 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>
Brenda Spears	Ben Keller Mary Bramblett Kenny Kelley Mark Harper Terry Kiser	None

Following the roll call the motion was voted down to table Resolution 2016-10.

Mary Bramblett then made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-10. Ben Keller 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 Mary Bramblett Kenny Kelley Mark Harper Terry Kiser	Brenda Spears	None

Following the roll call vote of 5 to 1 Resolution 2016-10 was adopted.

Next on the agenda Chief Ledbetter gave the Fire Report for April 2016. There was 1 structure fire, 3 automatic alarms, 1 false alarm, 3 vehicle accidents, 6 service calls, 1 trash fire, 2 grass fires and 1 vehicle fire.

In Other Business Terry Kiser asked that the council consider changing Ordinance 580 which deals with contractors that cut trees and leave them for the city to pick up. He suggested charging a fee for the pick-up.

Brenda Spears asked the Mayor what could be done about the broken window at the Humphrey's building and the Mayor informed everyone that the matter was being handled legally.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Joey Spivey asked the council's permission to place a modular home at 23 Eastview Dr. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the modular home at 23 Eastview Dr. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the ones that came out and helped clean up the Thankful Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mary Bramblett thanked the maintenance department for putting the new rails up at Highland Cemetery.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$658,674.41 with payroll and taxes for May 6<sup>th</sup>, \$ 54,757.12, May the 13<sup>th</sup>, \$54,648.48. The total for the two council meetings for May was \$982,671.10. Business owners and private citizens are very upset about the hazardous conditions at the building at 116 West Ladiga St. The window is broken and dangerous the address is in my district and I have turned in work orders. The last work order was to the Mayor and the Abatement Officer on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is an important issue for downtown businesses and citizen's safety.

The Alabama League of Municipalities 2016 was in Huntsville this weekend. At the Ask Your Attorney session on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, there were several league answers concerning Mayor's and Council's actions to be discussed. Ethics violations are serious and the Code of Alabama Laws must be followed.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser asked when the Family Dollar store would be opening. The Mayor informed him that it should be sometime in June.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor stated that work orders go immediately to the proper department. He congratulated Jarrett Floyd for becoming an Eagle Scout. He commented that the League convention was informative. The Mayor then read a Proclamation for Nursing Home Week which was May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>. He thanked everyone that came out for the clean-up day for the cemetery behind Thankful Baptist Church. He thanked Ben Keller, Kenny Kelley, Mary Bramblett and Charles McDonald for helping and he said a special thank you to Rudy Abbott and his grandson for helping.

Next the Mayor said that Mrs. Spears had attended a training session that was not approved by the Council and turned in a purchase order for \$396.41 to be paid by the city. Mark Harper made the motion to pay the amount for the training. 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

Mark Harper

Ben Keller  
Mary Bramblett  
Terry Kiser

Kenny Kelley

Following the roll call the motion was voted down to pay the amount for training because it was not approved by the Council beforehand.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.