

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

MAY 3RD, 2016

6:00 PM

The City of 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, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$99,433.59 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Brenda Spears and two abstentions by Ben Keller and Mary Bramblett.

Next the Mayor presented Kyle Naugher with an American Flag that had flown over the U.S. Capital in honor of him becoming an Eagle Scout and also the first Eagle Scout in 21 years in Piedmont.

Next the Mayor asked Chief Norton to introduce the four new officers that had been hired in recent months. The names of the officers are Robert Griffith, Holly Pitts, Lee Terry and Tyler Young.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-08 which is surplus of a 2003 Isuzu Sewer Jetter. The item will be listed on Gov Deals to be sold to the highest bidder. Mary Bramblett made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-08. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the school board appointment. Mary Bramblett nominated Mr. Lin Latta to be reappointed for another term on the school board. Terry Kiser seconded the nomination. Brenda Spears nominated Mrs. Brenda Smith. Kenny Kelley seconded the nomination. Frank Cobb moved that the nominations be closed. Terry Kiser seconded the motion. The Mayor then asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote for Mr. Lin Latta and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	NONE	Kenny Kelley
Mary Bramblett		Brenda Spears
Frank Cobb		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call vote of 5 yeas and two abstentions Mr. Lin Latta will serve another appointment on the school board.

Brenda Spears asked for a roll call vote for Mrs. Brenda Smith and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Kenny Kelley	Ben Keller	Frank Cobb
Brenda Spears	Mary Bramblett	Mark Harper
	Terry Kiser	

Following the roll call vote of 2 yeas, 3 nays and 2 abstentions Mrs. Brenda Smith did not receive enough votes for the school board appointment.

Next on the agenda Mr. Doug Dickeson thanked the Council for voting his property into the city limits. He also had some concerns with Frank Cobb saying that he had broken the law by signing forms to run for District 3 in 2012.

Next in Other Business Terry Kiser made a motion to amend Section D of Ordinance 579 pertaining to the head tax received by the City of Piedmont and The Piedmont School System. Mr. Kiser asked that the \$4.00 head tax money come to the city instead of \$2.00 to the city and \$2.00 to the school because of needs for equipment and other items. 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	NONE
Kenny Kelley	Frank Cobb	
Brenda Spears	Mark Harper	
Terry Kiser		

Following the vote there was 4 yeas and 3 nays. Mark Harper said that he thought that there should be 5 yeas to pass the ordinance. The Mayor and Clerk said they would call the League of Municipalities to make sure that the vote would pass.

Next Terry Kiser made a motion to amend Ordinance #579 to take the Park and Recreation Director out of the Department Head status that says his job is to be voted on every 4 years and to make him a Superintendent instead. 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	Brenda Spears	NONE
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call of 6 yeas and 1 nay the Park and Recreation status will be changed from Department Head to be voted on every 4 years to a Superintendent title and Ordinance #579 amended.

Terry Kiser then asked that Ordinance No 580 have more teeth in it to charge the contractors.

Mark Harper asked about the dirt mounds in front of the Aquatic Center. The Mayor said that the mounds are going to be knocked down and fixed before the pool opens.

Frank Cobb made a motion to contract out the grass at the civic center, parks and museum. After some discussion on the matter, Frank Cobb resented his motion.

Brenda Spears asked to get a Eubanks Welcome Center Report. She also asked if there was an update on the refinance of the bond by Joe Jolly. The City Clerk said that he was still working on the refinance. She also questioned if an ice cream truck had a business license.

Next Brenda Spears made a motion to change the May 17th meeting to May 18th at 4:00 pm due to the majority of the Council attending the League of Municipalities Convention. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Spears also said she would be in contact with the abatement committee to schedule a meeting.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said a ditch on Church St. needed cleaning out and also a tree on Church St. needed cutting down.

Mary Bramblett said she had abatement issues.

Frank Cobb said he had pot holes that needed repairing and trash issues.

Kenny Kelley thanked the street department for cleaning out the ditches at the end of Hughes St.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$99,433.59 with Payroll and Taxes for the week of April 22, 2016 for \$58,738.64 and the week of April 29 for \$58,347.27. The total for Bills of Payment and Payroll and Taxes is \$216,519.50.

The council members should be aware of the monthly average for Bills of Payment and Payroll and Taxes. October 2015 was \$1,205,446.09. January 2016 was \$996,080.74. March was \$1,028,467.09. April was \$1,200,642.28. The council will need to look at the fiscal budget 2015-16 and amend some line items. There are very little savings or reserve for any type of emergency.

For District 5, I would like more information for the Riddle Avenue Neighborhood Watch concerning the Criminal Mischief 1 on March 30 at 11:40 pm and the damage done to a 2004 Ford Expedition and a 2002 Dodge Ram.

Saturday, May 14 is the Annual Mail Carriers' Food Drive for our community and called "Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Participation is easy: Leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by

your mailbox on May 14 and your letter carrier will do the rest. It is America's day of giving and help fight hunger in Piedmont.

Mark Harper said he appreciated the Mayor for going to CVG and talking to the managers trying to see if there was anything the city could do. He also said he appreciates the job he does as Mayor.

Terry Kiser said he had some abatement issues.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor congratulated the Piedmont Boys Baseball Team and said the Piedmont Girls Softball team would start in the area tournament. He announced that there will be a clean up day at the Thankful Baptist Church Cemetery on Saturday, May 14h at 9:00 pm.

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 7:26 pm.