

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JUNE 19TH, 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, 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. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$537,985.75 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.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-09 which is a Public Transportation through East Alabama Regional Planning. The City will commit to a match of \$25,208 for the next year. Mary Bramblett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-09. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Greg South made a motion to purchase 3 used 2013 equipped police cars. Each car will be purchased at separate times and cost for the first car will be \$14,500.00. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Kiser made a motion to increase the dispatcher pay by \$1.00 per hour. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of May 2018. There were 1970 total contacts with the public. There were 8 felony arrests, 77 misdemeanor arrests, 5 DUI arrests, 16 drug arrests, 8 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, 22 court/warrant arrests and 17 other agency arrest. There were 86 citations written, 11 accident reports and 41 motorist assists. There were 2 violent crimes reported, 6 burglaries, 2 thefts reported, 17 cases investigated and 121 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$25,157.00 in fines for the month of May 2018.

Chief Norton then gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of May 2018. There were 44 new and on-going cases, 27 total yard cases, 2 total houses cases, 12 cases being processed, 15 cases completed, 1 community service worker, 2 court appearance and 6 verbal contracts.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Fire Report for the month of May 2018. There were 3 automatic alarms, 1 false alarm, 1 vehicle fire, 1 woods fire, 5 vehicle accidents, 2 ambulance assists, 7 service calls and 1 landing zone established. The department received a 6 month extension for safer grant through October 29th, 2018.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin explained to the Council that interviews needed to be done soon for the Water, Gas and Sewer Superintendent to replace Jesse McKnight who will be retiring October 1st. After some discussion Greg South made a motion to lift the hiring freeze to allow the City Clerk and the Mayor to have the authority to hire for all departments. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to allow the Young Marines to do a roadblock in the city.

Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Dickeson asked if the 10 acres was still being looked at to purchase. Mayor Baker said the deal had fell through on the property.

Greg South asked about the awnings for the city building. The Mayor said that the maintenance department had several projects going and it was on their list.

Bobby Hardin said he was excited to see new businesses opening in downtown.

Terry Kiser had no report.

Mayor Baker said a lot of activity is going on at the Piedmont Library with summer programs. He also announced the downtown yard sale that will be held on the property behind the snobiz.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.