

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
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, 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. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$246,629.24 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.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to accept the \$30,000.00 offer from Dr. Edmond to purchase the old Piedmont Hospital with the stipulation that he would spend at least \$50,000.00 on the building renovation in the next year. Ben Keller made the motion to accept the \$30,000.00 offer from Dr. Edmond. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Doug Dickeson made the motion to accept the Mobilitie Franchise agreement to place poles in the city for cellular signals. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Dickeson also made the motion to accept the Tower Cloud Franchise agreement with no cost to the city. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said that the Council needs to decide where the skate park is going to be relocated. With several suggestions the Council decided to come back at the next meeting and decide the relocation.

Doug Dickeson asked about the Highland Cemetery wall and said he would meet with the cemetery committee to get a plan started.

Doug Dickeson also said that a salary study could be done by JSU for \$15,000.00. He said he would invite the JSU representative to the next meeting.

Doug Dickeson also said that he had many complaints about abatement. After some discussion with the Council Mary Bramblett made the motion to hire a police officer to strictly do abatement for the city.

Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Ben Keller.

Doug Dickeson also asked if there was any update on the animal control situation. The Mayor said that he was going to call the Mayor of Southside mid-June and discuss this more in detail.

Greg South asked about bond interest and possibly redoing the bonds. He asked if we used East Alabama Regional Planning for grants. He said that he would like to hire an employee to go out and recruit business for the city.

Terry Kiser asked that the Council turn in the old garbage truck and receives the new truck that would be the same lease as before. Mary Bramblett made the motion to order the new garbage truck. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson had no report.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin announced the first Piedmont Produce on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 am.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor announced the First Responder Extravaganza. He also announced the sales tax holiday in August. He also asked the Council for some direction on who would open the museum.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.