

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JUNE 7, 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 Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

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. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$499,003.72 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 unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-11 which is an abatement issue at 208 Harris Ave. Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said that he thought the bingo head tax would be a benefit both the city and the school system and that he was for the split of the head tax.

Mary Bramblett said that in 1992 the city of Piedmont had 4,000 jobs and she feels now that all the jobs are gone that the Council needs to lower the electrical rates.

Mark Harper said the city needs to keep looking for a recruiter to find businesses for the city.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said the ditch on Church Street needs cleaning out.

Mary Bramblett said that when renters leave a house and dump the junk on the side of the road that people are going through it at night and mixing the household garbage with the junk that is to be hauled to the landfill.

Frank Cobb said there is a parking problem on Haslam Street and also a speeding problem.

Kenny Kelley said that he had complaints that the street department was not picking up the trash in the median on the four lane before cutting it and the trash is getting strewn in the road. He also said that the city needed to put "No Littering" signs up.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$499,003.18 and Payroll and Taxes for the week of May 20 was \$54,245.66 and the week of May 27 was \$63,162.99 and the week of June 3 was \$52,686.96. The total for tonight's approval is \$669,099.33.

I am asking for the Clerk to make sure my Council Comments are recorded correctly during the council meeting for the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved.

The mayor hires new employees, but it is the council's duties and responsibilities to approve or disapprove the salary. The position and salary has to come before the council before a salary is received.

The Nuisance Abatement committee (Kelley, Kiser, Spears) had a public meeting on Thursday, May 26 at 11 am at the Eubanks Welcome Center. Abatement issues were discussed. Notes of the meeting will be given to the mayor and council for discussion at the next work session.

Thank you City Employees for the flags at Veteran’s Park for Memorial Day. Great job! I have heard many comments from in-town and out-of-town people how pretty the park is.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said he still had some abatement issues.

In the Mayor’s Comments the Mayor read a Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day for June 15, 2016.

He also asked for a motion to reappoint Frank Cobb as the AMEA Election Committee Representative. Mary Bramblett made the motion to reappoint Frank Cobb. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor said that June 1st was Alabama Lineman Appreciation Day and he wanted say that he appreciated our lineman and the work they do for the city. He also said that the Oxford Police Chief thanked Officer Blue and Officer Little on Facebook for stopping and helping his daughter with a flat tire.

Next Terry Kiser rescinded the motion he made that the \$4.00 bingo head tax come to the city instead of being split with the school and that the bingo Ordinance be left as it stands. Mark Harper seconded the motion and the City Clerk did a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to rescind the motion and leave the bingo Ordinance as it stands.

Next the Mayor said that the city lost a great man when Jack Holder passed away and that he was the ambassador of the Eubanks Welcome Center. He asked the Council what they wanted to do about the position. Terry Kiser made the motion to fill the job with someone at 27 hours a week with volunteers also helping to keep the center open. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.