

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
JULY 11<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, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Greg South, Bobby Hardin, and Terry Kiser. Mary Bramblett was absent from the meeting.

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 \$544,149.14 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 2017-07 which pertains to an abatement on 409 Cedartown Highway. The said structure will be demolished and removed. Terry Kiser made the motion to accept Resolution 2017-07. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-07 passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-08 which was an abatement issue was voided due to action being taken before the meeting.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-09 which is a Sales Tax Holiday exemption for certain "covered items" from the municipal sales and use tax during the weekend of July 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-09 was adopted unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-10 which pertains to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sewer project. The bid for grant writing and project administration was awarded to Morton and Associates. There will be no fees to the City of Piedmont unless the City is awarded the grant. Doug Dickeson made the motion to accept Resolution 2017-10. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-10 was accepted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-11 which also pertains to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sewer project. The bid for the engineering services was awarded to Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC. There will be no fees to the City of Piedmont unless the City is

awarded the grant. Doug Dickeson made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-11. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-11 was accepted unanimously.

At this time Attorney Jake Matthews asked the Council to take a vote to go into Executive Session to discuss a property issue concerning the City of Piedmont. Terry Kiser made the motion to go into executive session. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the City Clerk took a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ben Keller	NONE	NONE
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to go into executive session with the Mayor announcing to the audience that the meeting would resume after the brief session. All Council Members that were present at the meeting attended the executive session including the City Clerk.

After the meeting resumed, Bobby Hardin made the motion not to take any action on the property issue. Greg South seconded the motion and the City Clerk did a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ben Keller	NONE	NONE
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous not to take any action on the property issue.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to elect Matt Rogers to represent the City on the Alabama Municipal Electrical Authority ( AMEA) Election Committee. Doug Dickeson made the motion to elect Matt Rogers to the committee. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to replace Sandra Ford on the Piedmont Health Care Board due to health reasons. Terry Kiser made the motion to appoint Vera Myers to replace Ms. Ford on the board. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Doug Dickeson asked about the status of the airport. The Mayor informed the Council that someone would be at the next meeting to discuss the airport.

Doug Dickeson asked the status of the Abatement Officer. The City Clerk informed the Council that the job is running external.

Doug Dickeson also made the motion to hire JSU for \$15,000.00 to do a study on job descriptions and salaries for the city employees. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried with two "no" votes by Ben Keller and Terry Kiser.

Doug Dickeson also asked when a school representative would be coming to address the Council. The Mayor said he had spoken to someone about coming to a meeting.

Doug Dickeson made a motion to have an Ordinance in place to specify the 3% that would come from the collected revenue from the utilities to be placed in an account monthly and to go back to the month of May 2017. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote by Ben Keller. Terry Kiser asked about replacing the roof at the water filter plant. Carl Hinton informed him that he was waiting on two more bids.

Bobby Hardin made a motion to put Lane Weatherbee on the Commercial Development Board. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Leslie Smith asked the Council to put the budget and the agenda on the website. She also asked for the Council to consider livestreaming the council meetings so that citizens that can't attend the meeting can watch it from home.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that a fire hydrant was leaking on Draper St.

Doug Dickeson announced that he was putting on a car show at the Veterans Park to get donations for some equipment for the park. He also thanked the Scouts for a great fireworks show.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South discussed having a downtown entertainment district and also having advertisement billboards on the highways coming into the city.

Bobby Hardin said that the Piedmont Produce was going well. He also said that the movie projector is in and waiting on the screen that will be here on the 18<sup>th</sup> and then the city could schedule a movie night. Terry Kiser thanked Ricky Jackson and Carl Hinton for putting up the street signs.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said he, the City Clerk and Jeff Formby met at the park to take measurements for the skate park. He also thanked all the city employees that worked during the recent storm and said that the city has the best employees. He also echoed what Doug Dickeson has said in the past about parking on the street and discussed doing an Ordinance to help control the problem.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.