

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JULY 18TH, 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 Doug Dickeson 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 for consideration. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$232,788.98 were then presented for consideration for payment. Matt Rogers made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked what the Council's wishes were on the Piedmont/Cherokee/Centre Airport payment of \$10,000 that the city pays each year for the upkeep of the airport. After some discussion and hearing from Mr. Lee Hubbard who is on the airport board, the Council requested a trip to the airport to see how the facility operates before making a decision on the matter.

Denise Houck asked permission from the Council to hold a roadblock on the 1st Saturday in September to help with medical expenses for Michelle Rainey who had suffered a stroke during a vacation. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the roadblock. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of June, 2017. Officers initiated 1184 total contacts with the public. There were 11 felony arrests, 35 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI, 9 drug arrests, 9 crimes against persons arrests, 13 court/warrant arrests. There were 21 citations written, 13 accident reports and 36 motorist assists. There were 13 burglaries reported, 16 thefts reported, 26 cases investigated and 125 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,803.00 in court fines for the month of June 2017.

Chief Norton also gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of June, 2017. There were 56 total cases. 34 new yard cases, 8 total new house cases, 3 cases being processed, 23 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 2 contract on structure, 2 court appearances and 2 verbal contracts.

In Other Business the City Clerk explained to the Council that a motion had been made in the April 18th meeting to take 3% of the net from the utilities and put into a separate fund for emergencies as a reserve account. She explained that in the July 11th meeting that another motion was made to put 3% of

the collected revenue into a reserve fund and to do an Ordinance to reflect this. She asked that if the July 11th motion is what the Council wishes to adopt and go by that the April 18th motion be rescinded to show in the minutes that two different things were taking place. Greg South then rescinded his motion from the April 18th meeting and Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Greg South said after speaking with the other members of the Industrial/Retail committee that include Mary Bramblett and Bobby Hardin, he said they had come up with four members for the Commercial Development Board. At this time Greg South nominated Mr. Lin Latta, Attorney Alan Hunt, Dr. Adam Clemmons and Mrs. Brea Ingram. The Mayor asked for any other nominations from the Council. With no other nominations Mary Bramblett made the motion that the nominations be closed. Terry Kiser 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	NONE	NONE
Mary Bramblett		
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to install the new members to the Commercial Development Board.

Ben Keller said that the Council needs to decide on employees and job salaries instead of paying JSU \$15,000.00.

Doug Dickeson asked if the doctor that had purchased the old hospital had started any improvements to the property yet. According to Carl Hinton the doctor will be up in the next week to start on some maintenance work.

Next Potts Marketing Group from Anniston, Alabama showed the Council the video that the city had made about ten years ago and talked to the Council about updating the video to current date.

In Visitor's Comments Joey Grimes asked that the city make the airport information public when it is received by the city.

Tim and Wanda Cowan spoke to the Council about the property dispute between them and the Dempsey's and handed the Council paperwork from the tax assessors' office showing their property abuts the city property and the city would have to notify them within 30 days.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said the end field grass at the Bethune softball field needed work. Mary Bramblett said she had talked to a business that came to the city looking for a building and couldn't find one. She asked that businessman to sit down with the Mayor and maybe the chamber to talk about building a building because that is the only way to get business here. She also said that the city needed to have another job fair.

Doug Dickeson said that the car show at the Veterans Memorial Park would be August 5th at 4:00 pm and he thanked Joey Grimes and Leslie Smith for helping get donations for the event.

Matt Rogers said that he had been researching a program that shows all the vacant buildings for businesses looking for a building and also it keeps building owners up to code on their businesses.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin said he would like to expand the produce day to other vendors such as arts and crafts with the understanding that these vendors would be required to get a business license.

Terry Kiser thanked Mr. Anthony Jackson for opening up a new business downtown.

The City Clerk Michelle Franklin gave the Council an Ordinance on street parking and asked them to look over these and get back with her on how they would like the new Ordinance to be amended. She also told the Council that the Judge, Prosecutor and Public Defender had asked the Council to consider the pay increase that was proposed at a previous meeting.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor asked the Council to consider trading in the third garbage truck for a street sweeper. He also said that he had spoken with Rainbow City and the animal shelter is not ready yet.

With no other business to come before the Council Doug Dickeson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.