

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
JULY 19TH, 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 Bill Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears and Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper 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. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$269,233.18 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 with one abstention by Brenda Spears.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-13 which is a vacation of a road on 5th Avenue that has never been occupied. Frank Cobb made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-13. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Mr. Phillip Smith spoke with the Council during the work session about his program, Digital Detective which would benefit the police department with software instead of keeping paper records. Frank Cobb made the motion to table the discussion until the August 16th meeting so that Chief Norton could look at other options and bring his findings back to the Council. Ben Keller 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, 2016. There were 1539 total contacts with the public. There were 12 felony arrests, 56 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI, 27 drug arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 4 theft arrests, and 21 court/warrant arrests. There were 22 citations written, 13 accident reports, and 19 motorist assists. There were 3 violent crimes reported, 12 burglaries reported, 19 thefts reported, 22 cases investigated and 144 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$16,357.34 in fines for the month of June, 2016.

The Chief gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of June, 2016. There were 36 total cases. There were 3 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 12 cases being processed, 1 case with second notice, 8 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 1 contract on building and 2 court appearances.

Brenda Spears made a motion that the first out of town Nuisance and Abatement letter be sent by certified mail. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Animal Control report for the month of June, 2016. There were 21 calls for service. 1 preliminary investigation, 6 animals picked up, 2 animals returned to owner, 1 stray, 1 surrendered by owner, 3 abandoned and 2 held for court cases.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Piedmont Fire Department report for the month of May and June, 2016. For the month of May there was 1 house fire, 1 vehicle fire, 5 vehicle accidents, 2 hazardous materials calls, 1 trash fire, 1 woods fire, 3 service calls and 1 landing zone call.

For the month of June, 2016 there were 3 structure fires, 3 automatic alarms, 2 false alarms, 3 ambulance assists, 4 vehicle accidents, 1 hazardous materials calls and 11 service calls.

Next April Doss spoke to the Council about doing another walk for the Chiari disease. She said the walk would be on September 17th, at 9:00 am and asked if the event could be held at the Veterans Park. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the walk at the Veterans Park. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. April also asked to have a road block on August 6th, 2016 at Memorial Dr. and Main St. to raise money for the Chiari Disease. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said he would still like to go back to the old Ordinance for contractor pick-up.

Ben Keller asked about the Sunday alcohol sales. The Mayor told him that Attorney Ron Allen was looking over the bill at this time.

Brenda Spears asked when the voters list will be ready to pick up. The clerk informed her that the list was ready to be picked up anytime but it was an ongoing list.

Frank Cobb made a motion that another lineman be hired for the electrical department so the department will be staffed with the necessary people to run the electrical department. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion with Jon Edwards, the Piedmont Water and Filter Plant Operator about putting fluoride back into the city water system; Mr. Edwards said it was an extremely hard acid. He also stated that there is a small amount of natural fluoride in the water now. Terry Kiser made a motion not to add the fluoride back to the water system. Kenny Kelley 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 Mary Bramblett Frank Cobb Kenny Kelley Terry Kiser	NONE	Brenda Spears

Following the roll call the majority of the Council voted not to put the fluoride treatment back into the water system.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the street department for cleaning out a ditch in his district. Mary Bramblett said that she had abatement issues and she also thanked the people of district two. Frank Cobb made a motion that the representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance informs the Council of any increases by April of the next year. Brenda Spears seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$269,233.16. Payroll and Taxes for the week of July 8 was \$59,095.54 for the week of July 15 was \$60,116.55. The total for night's council is \$388,445.27.

The Support Piedmont Rally downtown on Wednesday, July 13 was a large turnout and very special. I wish there had been time for the Department Heads to read all the names of their employees in the Police and Fire and EMTS.

I want to encourage concerned citizens who have expertise in different areas of city government to work with the Mayor and Council to offer solutions to the problems facing Piedmont.

The Piedmont Boy Scout Troop 355 is having a full plated fish fry sale on Saturday, July 23 at 11 am at the Scout House. Plates are \$8.00. BBQ plates will also be available.

I want to invite and encourage all candidates for the August 23 election to start attending our work sessions and council meetings, starting August 2 at 5:30 pm.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Report the Mayor expressed how good the prayer rally was and it was estimated that around 300 people were in attendance. He also said that a lot of people asked that we do this quarterly.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.