

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 15TH, 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, Greg South, Bobby Hardin and Terry Kiser. Matt Rogers 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 with one correction on Doug Dickeson and Bobby Hardin's vote for the Don Bigotes' liquor license. Both members voted "no" instead of abstain. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$288,505.23 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The City Clerk asked the Council's permission to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Industrial Development fund into a new Commercial Development Board account. She explained that the Industrial Development Board is not active at this time and the money could be used for the startup funds for the Commercial Development Board. Bobby Hardin made the motion to allow the moneys to be transferred to the new account. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-15 which would allow the city to apply for a CDBG \$450,000.00 sewer grant with a match of \$90,018.00. Doug Dickeson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-15. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-16 which would approve the execution of a contract with BancorpSouth Equipment Finance for the new garbage truck in the amount of \$204,591.45.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police report for the month of July 2017. Officers initiated a total of 1666 contacts with the public. There were 20 felony arrests, 50 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 20 drug arrests, 5 crimes against persons arrests, 3 theft arrests, 22 court/warrant arrests. There were 36 citations written, 6 accident reports and 39 motorist assists. There were 3 violent crimes reported, 9 burglaries reported, 9 thefts reported, 23 cases investigated and 125 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$16,907.85 in fines for the month of July 2017.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of July 2017. There were 38 total cases, 12 new yard cases, 3 being processed, 30 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 3 contracts on structure, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

In Other business Terry Kiser made the motion to purchase a new tractor for the street department in the amount of \$19,486.42 to be paid for out of the seven cent gas tax. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Dickeson asked for a report on the cameras for different areas of the city. The Mayor said that we are getting quotes on the cameras. He said he had also spoken with Ricky Freeman about getting a weather camera to go on Highland Cemetery.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to place three new members on the Highland Cemetery Board; the members are Randa Carroll, Judy Freeman and Evelyn Young. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the new members were appointed unanimously.

Doug Dickeson also made the motion to amend the street parking Ordinance to say no parking on all city streets with the exception that a residence does not have a driveway in the front or back. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Hardin said there was a good turnout at the movie night despite the rain. He also announced a fall festival on October 28th.

In Visitor's Comments Rev. Clinton Hughley shared his concerns about the possibility of the Bethune Center closing. Several others from the communities expressed their concerns including Vincent Cottrell, Brenda Harbour, Azora Threatt and Sarah Keller.

Leslie Smith expressed concerns about the council committee meeting being during working hours because citizens could not come to the meeting.

In Council Reports Ben Keller announced the Kick Back Event that will be held at the Bethune Center on August 26th, and 27th.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson asked about a work order on Littlejohn Dr. that he had turned in and Street Supervisor Ricky Jackson informed him that it had been completed.

Greg South thanked everyone that came out to the council meeting.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that this was a good meeting and good things were accomplished. He announced McDonald's ribbon cutting on Thursday at 11:00 am. He said that the movie night went very well with a good crowd. He also said that the Rainbow City Animal Control construction would not be completed until the end of the month and they were not doing contracts until completion.

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 7:40 pm.