

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 16TH, 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, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Brenda Spears was absent from the meeting.

Following a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former Council Member Ed Hanson, the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the Mayor called on Fire Chief Mike Ledbetter. Chief Ledbetter recognized Mr. James Buttram for his 50 years of service on the Piedmont Fire Department. Mr. Buttram turned 90 years old and was honored with a proclamation from the City of Piedmont.

Next Greg Gregerson spoke to the Council about the legal dispute between Lively's Foodland and Gregersons.

Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with one abstention by Mary Bramblett.

The bills totaling \$246,619.82 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Mary Bramblett.

Next Superintendent Casey Ponder gave a presentation on the electrical rates for the City of Piedmont Vs. Alabama Power which showed the city slightly lower than Alabama Power.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of July 2016. There were 1866 total contacts with the public. There were 14 felony arrests, 67 misdemeanor arrests, 5 DUI arrests, 47 drug arrests, 1 crime against person arrests and 28 court/warrant arrests. There were 28 citations, 8 accident reports and 22 motorist assists. There were 5 violent crimes reported, 6 burglaries reported, 16 thefts reported, 30 cases investigated and 137 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,765.62 in fines for the month of July.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Animal Control report for the month of July, 2016. There were 19 calls for service, 8 animals picked up, 4 animals returned to owner by ACO, and 8 strays picked up. The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of July, 2016. There were a total of 34 new and on-going cases. There were 4 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 10 cases being processed, 6 cases completed, 4 community service workers, 2 contracts on buildings, 2 court appearances and 7 verbal contacts.

In Other Business Mark Harper asked that the city purchase some speakers for the gazebo for downtown events.

Terry Kiser said that the crosswalks in town needed to be redone to make them smoother.

Frank Cobb made the motion to have the 400 block of Riddle Ave. paved. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Ben Keller.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Stephen Maddox said that Piedmont utilities were still too high and that Alabama Power was a huge cooperation.

Doug Dickeson asked when the paving issue came up.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that a tree on Church Street needed to be cut.

Mary Bramblett offered her condolences to Mike Ledbetter and his family for the loss of his father. She also reminded everyone that school would be starting in two days and that the traffic needed to slow down on Fifth Ave.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley said he needed some street lights fixed on Eubanks Ave.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said signs that had been requested had been ordered.

The Mayor then presented Mary Bramblett with a Certificate of Election declaring that no other candidate had signed up to run in district two.

In the Mayor's Report the Mayor informed every one of the big football game Friday night that would bring in thousands of people from out of town. He also said that he appreciated the city employees for all the hard work that they do each day.

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 7:18 pm.