

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 1, 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 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 \$452,946.84 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment with one abstention by Terry Kiser.

Next Scott and Reba Grissom asked the Council to consider starting the mosquito spraying back. They said that surrounding cities are spraying and that the mosquitoes and ticks are bad in our area.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 614 which pertains to three percent (3%) of the collected utility revenue to be placed in a utility infrastructure reserve fund only to be used in what the Council deems an emergency over \$10,000.00. Ben Keller made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 614. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call 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		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 614.

Greg South then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 614. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Doug Dickeson	Ben Keller	NONE
Greg South	Mary Bramblett	

Bobby Hardin

Matt Rogers
Terry Kiser
Mayor Baker

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas and five nays therefore, Ordinance 614 did not pass.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-12 which would be a one-time increase for the Piedmont City retirees at a cost to the city of \$26,272.00. Doug Dickeson made the motion not to implement the one-time increase to the city retirees. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions by Ben Keller and Terry Kiser.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-13 which is an abatement for 403 5th Ave. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-14 which is an abatement for 301 1st Ave. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-14. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor opened the floor for nominations for the Park and Recreation Board. Mary Bramblett nominated Austin Bragg for the board appointment. Terry Kiser seconded the nomination and Ben Keller moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Austin Bragg was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board unanimously.

Terry Kiser made the motion to adjust the pay for the Judge, Prosecutor and Public Defender for the City of Piedmont. The pay for the City Judge will be \$1,000.00 a month. The City Prosecutor will be \$600.00 per month as well as the Public Defender. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Ben Keller made a motion to allow Don Bigotes Mexican Restaurant approval for a liquor license. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions by Doug Dickeson and Bobby Hardin.

In Other Business Doug Dickeson asked what the progress was on the cameras for several areas in the city. The Mayor informed him that this would be looked into in the following weeks.

Greg South asked what the progress was on the JSU study. The City Clerk informed him that she had gathered the information needed and a representative from JSU would be coming to pick the contract and information up.

At this time Ben Keller made the motion to not pay the money for the JSU study. With no one seconding the motion the motion dies.

The Council agreed to meet on Tuesday August 8th, at 5:00 pm to discuss the city budget.

Bobby Hardin asked the progress on the old garbage truck. Carl Hinton said that the truck did not meet the reserve. The Mayor said to put the truck back on Gov Deals and try to sell again.

Mary Bramblett asked about a new tractor for the street department. The tractor cost is \$19,406.42. After some discussion the council decided to come back to the next meeting to vote.

In Visitors comments Sonya Rainey asked that the city not spray the pesticides to kill mosquitoes because it would harm the honey bees.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked that the Bethune softball field grass in the infield be fixed. Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson reminded everyone about the car show Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Veterans Park. He also thanked the abatement officer and Mayor for getting the Haslem Street abatement issue started.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South said that the people in district 5 were happy about getting the 3% put into a reserve fund. He said it saddens him that we stop it now before it even got started.

Bobby Hardin thanked Ricky Jackson and the street department for fixing an issue in his district.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor also asked everyone to come out to the car show on Saturday and support Doug Dickeson. He announced that the movie night would be August 12th downtown and the movie showing would be Frozen. He also said he appreciates the work of all the city employees.

With no other business to come before the council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.