

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 20TH, 2019
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. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$440,318.20 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for nominations to replace two members on the Commercial Development Board. Mary Bramblett nominated Brent Morrison and Diane Studdard to fill the vacancies of the board. Terry Kiser seconded the nominations. Mayor Baker declared the nominations closed and the board members were approved unanimously.

Matt Rogers made a motion to wait until the next Council meeting to vote on the Spire gas proposal to the City. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with one “no” vote by Terry Kiser.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 628 which would allow the City to place “No Parking” sign on Old Piedmont Gadsden Hwy to stop parking on the sides of the road. Doug Dickeson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 628. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

| <u>YEAHS</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 suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 628.

Doug Dickeson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 628. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

| <u>YEAHS</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 adopt Ordinance 628.

The Mayor then asked for consideration to suspend the rules for Ordinance 629 which would change the speed limit in the Downtown Business District to fifteen (15) mph. Greg South made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 629. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

| <u>YEAHS</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 suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 629.

Greg South made a motion to adopt Ordinance 629. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

| <u>YEAHS</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 adopt Ordinance 629.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Police report for the month of July 2019. There were 1432 total contacts with the public. There were 10 felony arrests, 74 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 15

drug arrests, 2 crimes against persons arrests, 41 court/warrant arrests. There were 58 citations written, 10 accident reports and 17 motorist assists. There were 4 burglaries reported, 9 thefts, 23 cases investigated and 118 incident reports.

Chief Norton gave the Animal Control report for the month of July 2019. There were 40 calls for service, 43 animals picked up 42 taken to the shelter and 1 reclaimed by the owner.

Chief Norton then gave the Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of July 2019. There were 28 new and on-going cases. 14 total new yard cases, 9 being processed, 13 cases completed, 2 contracts on structure, 3 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

In Visitor's Comments Ben Keller said the water meter needed to be checked at 614 Morgan Ave.

Mary Bramblett said the sign on Porter Johnson Road was taken care of. She also said that there was a lot of speeding on 5th Ave. especially during school drop off and pick up.

Doug Dickeson said that kids did not need to be dropped off for school on Main Street that it was very dangerous.

Matt Rogers asked that the Chief Ladiga Trail be blown off.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed the Council that the safe route to school sidewalk had been repaired. He also said that the Council needs to make a decision on the Spire Gas proposal by the next meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.