

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 21ST, 2018
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. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$625,348.33 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 unanimous payment.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-15 which is an abatement for 110 Johnson Street. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-15. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-16 which is clean-up abatement for 502 Logan Street. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-16. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-17 which is clean-up abatement for 112 Foscett St. Doug Dickeson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-17. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked then informed the Council of a one-time bonus for city retirees. The estimated cost to award a bonus for 47 retirees would be \$25,218.00 paid by the City. The Council did not make a motion on this proposal.

The Mayor then called on Chief Norton to give the Police Report for the month of July 2018. Officers had 1460 total contacts with the public. There were 21 felony arrests, 97 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 38 drug arrests, 21 crimes against persons arrests, 4 theft arrests, 30 court warrant arrests and 9 other agency arrests. There were 54 citations written, 10 accident reports and 33 motorist assists. There were 4 violent crimes reported, 1 burglaries reported, 11 thefts reported, 15 cases investigated and 157 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$27,205.00 for the month of July, 2018.

The Chief then gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of July 2018.

There were 33 total cases. 10 total new yard cases, 10 cases being processed, 8 cases completed, 1 community service worker, 2 court appearances and 3 verbal contracts.

In Visitor's Comments Franklin Garrett asked the Council if they had made a decision on the alley that he discussed at the last meeting. The Mayor informed Mr. Garrett that this would have to be a decision by a court and not the Council.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said that the brick sidewalk in front of the gazebo needed to be repaired.

Doug Dickeson asked the city could rent the city fire hydrants to the fire department so that the fire tax money could be used to repair the hydrants.

Matt Rogers said that Casey Ponder would be replacing Lee Young of the AMEA Board.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 620 which would allow the Piedmont Health Care to refinance their bond debt into a loan in the amount of \$4,143,000 which would also provide additional funds for equipment acquisition, renovations, and new construction of twelve additional rooms. Doug Dickeson made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. The Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAY</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.

Next Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Ordinance 620. 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>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller		
Mary Bramblett		
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		

Mayor Baker

Doug Dickeson made a motion to purchase galvanized poles for the park and recreation in the amount of \$14,400 to replace the damaged and old poles around the fields.

Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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 6:42 pm.