

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 7TH, 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 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. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$341,382.80 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Doug Dickeson made the motion to purchase a street sweeper truck for \$139,000.00 with \$70,000.00 of the funds coming from the gas tax money and \$70,000.00 coming from the city reserve fund. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 619 which allow the city to agree to a loan in the amount of \$570,000.00 to finish the water filter plant upgrades. This would be a supplemental loan to go along with the \$1,540,000.00 initial SRF loan done in 2015. Mary Bramblett made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Terry Kiser 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		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 619.

Doug Dickeson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 619. Greg South seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
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 619.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2018-13 which is an abatement on 303 Vanderbilt Street. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-13. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14 which is an abatement on 500 US HWY 278 By Pass. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Terry Kiser made the motion to raise the local gas tax by one cent which would make the gas tax two cents. He also added to his motion that the one cent be earmarked for city street paving. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "No" vote by Greg South.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Franklin Garrett asked the Council to consider closing an alley at 702 North Church Street and Bethune Dr.

Shannon Hogue and Dani Ray Rogers asked the Council to make the downtown streets an entertainment area for the Blue Day that will be held on September 22nd.

Mary Bramblett made the motion that the downtown streets be an entertainment area. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that the Council should pass something that gives a property owner a certain length of time to pay the city back after the city has torn down a house. He said if the payment has not been paid the property should go back to the city.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Doug Dickeson asked about LED lights and he also congratulated Tim Frost for being the new street supervisor.

Matt Rogers asked when the pickle ball court would be redone. Jeff Formby said it was on their list to do.

Greg South said that the city needs a strong abatement. He also asked that the Council bring their questions to the City Clerk or Department Heads prior to the meeting instead of having all the employees at the meeting. He said this creates a lot of overtime.

Bobby Hardin made a motion to adopt the same abatement Ordinance that the City of Oxford follows.

Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried with two "No" votes by Ben Keller and Greg South.

Bobby Hardin also announced a movie night downtown on August 17th. at 8:00 pm.

Terry Kiser had no report.

Terry Kiser made the motion to raise the reserve on the electrical truck to \$31,000.00 on Gov Deals.

Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor reminded everyone that school starts back on Friday. He also said to pray for Kevin Blue and his family.

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 8:15 pm.