

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Doug Dickeson made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$377,896.45 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

Next Mr. Louie Cardinal with Thorton Farish spoke to the Council about refinancing the 2010 Water, Gas and Sewer bond and the 2010 Electrical bond. He said at this time the interest rate was 2.7% to refinance. He left information with the Council to go over and said he would be happy to come back to a future meeting.

The Mayor then asked Gail Kemp with Kemp and Associates to give a report on the 2016 Audit for the City of Piedmont. She said that the city had a clean report and that the debt had decreased by \$477,000.00. She explained that overall the audit was very good.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-17 which is a Resolution through AMEA to direct anyone to AMEA that wants to come into the city that wants to use solar energy. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-17. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-18 which would allow the city to submit an application for additional moneys for the SRF loan to do the improvements to the water filter plant and the well project. The amount added to the loan would be \$550,000.00. Greg South made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-18. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the Piedmont Police Report for the month of August 2017. Officers had 1662 total contacts with the public. There were 9 felony arrests, 57 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 13 drug arrests, 6 crimes against person arrests, 1 theft arrest, 29 court/warrant arrests and 5 other agency arrests. There were 54 citations written, 10 accident reports and 38 motorist assists. There were 4 violent crimes reported, 6 burglaries reported, 11 thefts reported, 24 cases investigated

and 107 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$13,988.15 for the month of August 2017.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of August 2017. There were 40 total cases. 14 yard cases, 4 cases being processed, 9 cases completed, 2 community service workers, 4 contracts on structure, 2 court appearances and 1 verbal contract.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Piedmont Fire Report for the month of August 2017. There were 3 structure fires, 13 vehicle accidents, 1 hazardous materials call, 9 service calls, 4 landing zones established and 5 ambulance assists.

Terry Kiser made the motion to surplus 1500 feet of 3 inch diameter fire hose so that it can be sold to Randall Brackett Fire Truck Repair Company. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Greg South asked that we look into having audio and video for the Council meetings to be put on the website.

Doug Dickeson asked for an update on the cameras. Carl Hinton said they are waiting on the last quote to come in. He also asked about the old hospital and if any improvements were being made. He was informed that the grass and shrubs had been cut and that windows were being secured and the roof was being worked on.

Doug Dickeson also suggested that the utility deposits that are being paid be reimbursed by half the amount paid if the customer has not been late on a bill for a period of 12 months.

Doug Dickeson also asked for a list of delinquent sales tax with no business names or amounts. He said he would just like to know how many businesses are behind and what step the city is on to collect the money.

Matt Rogers asked the status of the skate park. Jeff Formby informed him that the cement would be poured in the morning if it did not rain. He also asked if anyone attended the school board meeting and asked if the city could get a copy of the budget.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the electrical department for fixing lights on Draper St. and also the street department for getting up the limbs in a timely manner.

Mary Bramblett asked when the leaf truck would start running. Ricky Jackson informed the Council that the leaf truck would start on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Doug Dickeson thanked Chief Norton for having officers patrol more in his area.

Matt Rogers had no report.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin said that the city needed to look at putting the trash cans on one side of the road to make pick up more efficient.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayors Comments the Mayor informed the Council that the electrical department had a bucket truck with a crack in the bucket that needed to be repaired. The amount of the repair would be \$7,500.00.

The Mayor also asked that the Council pass a Resolution approving the Mayor to be allowed to spend \$7,500.00 on things that were needed or emergencies without Council approval. Ben Keller made the motion to allow the Mayor to spend \$7,500.00 without Council approval with the understanding that the Council will be told what the amount was spent on at the next meeting. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to come before the Council Matt Rogers made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.