

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
9-3-2019
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.

The Mayor informed the Council that they needed to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation for the City.

Ben Keller made the motion to go into Executive Session. 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>
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 go into Executive Session. The Mayor informed the audience that the meeting would resume immediately following the Executive Session.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Matt Rogers made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 20th, 2019. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt the minutes from the special called meeting on August 28th, 2019. Greg South seconded the motion and the minutes from the special called meeting were approved with 2 abstentions by Matt Rogers and Doug Dickeson.

The bills totaling \$301,219.07 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Chairman of the Commercial Development Board Lane Weatherbee spoke to the Council about a prospect for the 10 acres of land the city owns at the industrial park. He informed the Council that a kennel business that breeds service dogs for agencies was interested in the property.

Matt Rogers made the motion to accept the Spire proposal of \$4.2 million with a 3% franchise fee. With no one to second the motion the motion dies on the vine.

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Domestic Violence to be observed in the month of October.

In Visitor's comment Mrs. Taylor informed the Council that she had a cat problem and asked for help with the problem.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that he would like to get a grant to repair the Bethune gym. Mary Bramblett asked when the tractor would be arriving and the Mayor said it should be here next week.

Doug Dickeson said the cemetery sign is ready to be put up. He also made a motion to have "No Parking" signs posted on Main and Highway 9 at the Piedmont Middle School. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. He also asked that work orders that are turned in be put back in their box after the job is completed.

Matt Rogers said that branches needed to be picked up on the trail. He also said that he stands behind the Water, Gas and Sewer Department and Byrain to make the gas system better.

Greg South made a motion that the money that was budgeted for billboards instead be used to redo the gazebo downtown and some lighting for downtown. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Hardin asked the Council to consider placing the Water, Gas and Sewer back under a board.

Bobby Hardin made a motion to have attorney Ron Allen attend all the Council meetings. 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>
Mary Bramblett	Ben Keller	None
Doug Dickeson		
Matt Rogers		
Greg South		
Bobby Hardin		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 7 yeas and 1 nay, therefore, the city attorney will attend all future Council meetings.

Terry Kiser said that the city needs to take care of its own abatement problems.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor informed the Council that a city-wide American Flag disposal would be held at the Veteran's Park on September 28th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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 8:10 pm.