

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
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, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Frank Cobb was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Kenny Kelley and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were then presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$555,932.97 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-17 which is the section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation of the Calhoun County Transportation Steering Committee. The City of Piedmont commits to the amount of \$35,693, as local non-federal match.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-18 which is abatement on 403 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-18. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	None	None
Mary Bramblett		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was unanimous to adopt Resolution 2016-18.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said that the roof at the armory needed to be replaced because of numerous leaks. He also said that the trucks turning into PEMCO were tearing up the sidewalk that the kids walk on after school. He then mentioned tearing down part of the old hospital. Brenda Spears asked the Mayor if he had met with anyone about a VA Hospital coming to the city. The Mayor said that he had spoken to several people concerning the VA Hospital.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Boyd Canter asked that he be DE annexed from the City of Piedmont because he wanted to put goats on his property. Next Kim Pruitt with Piedmont Memory Gardens said that they had 110 plots for sale in the cemetery for \$58,000.00 and asked if the city would be interested in purchasing the property for burials.

Chief Norton said that he advertised for a certified officer and did not get any applications. He said he needed to get the best applicant and be able to send them to the academy for training but the Council voted for him to hire a certified officer. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the Chief be able to hire the best applicant and send that person to the academy. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that someone had asked him to request a street light in the back alley of Montview.

Mary Bramblett said she had different abatement issues but some were being handled already.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for August 16 was \$246,619.82. Payroll and Taxes for the week of August 5 was \$56,323.67 and the week of August 12 was \$59,602.49. The total for council's approval for the August 16 meeting was \$362,545.98.

The Bills of Payment for tonight's council is \$555,932.97. Payroll and Taxes for the week of August 19 was \$56,835.78, and the week of August 26 was \$60,975.50 and the week of September 2 was \$54,993.98. The total for tonight's council approval is \$728,738.23.

Our City Auditor, Mrs. Gail Kemp, called me on Wednesday, August 3 after our August 2 council meeting. Mrs. Kemp said she had told the mayor that she would come and discuss and answer any questions from the council concerning her Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2015. She also told the mayor she would not charge for this meeting. Mrs. Kemp indicated to me she would contact the mayor and would attend our next meeting on September 20.

Within the last week, I have turned in work orders for:

1. A work order for a Danger! No swimming sign at the pond next to the RV Park.
2. A work order for a sign for the Designated Smoking Area at the Aquatic Pool with an appropriate receptacle for smoked cigarettes.
3. A work order to provide garbage cans away from the entrance of the Aquatic Pool with daily garbage pick-up.
4. A work order for daily garbage pick-up at the cement tables at the natural spring area.
5. A work order for the pavilion next to the Scout House to fix the broken ceiling lights and broken cement benches.
6. A request from business owners Debra's Styles and Guttery Insurance for a bench like the other downtown businesses received.
7. Between houses at 706 South Main and 206654 Al Hwy 9, grass next to the curb and drainage ditch to be cut and then sprayed with grass killer to cut down on mice and bugs in the high weeds. At the August 16 council meeting, the council voted to pave the 400 block on Riddle Avenue for \$20,858.25 with city funds and \$5,284.50 from the county commission. Mayor Baker, when in September will this be paved?

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said that the signs were just about caught up.

In The Mayor's Report the Mayor said that Mrs. Gail Kemp will be at the next meeting about the audit. The Mayor read a thank you note from Coach Steve Smith thanking the city and all who helped make the Border Battle Game a success.

He informed everyone that the DAV would be hosting a round trip motorcycle ride from Piedmont to Mentone on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

He thanked the city employees for all the hard work that they do.

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 6:36 pm.