

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
OCTOBER 3RD, 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 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. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$319,323.82 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next Bob Young with Frazier Lanier Company spoke to the Council about refinancing the 2010 bonds. Mr. Young gave the Council information to look over and decide how the Council would like to go forward with refinancing.

Next Tim Langley spoke to the Council about the dog problem in the city. He said dogs have destroyed his property and he has to call the police each time. The Mayor informed Mr. Langley that he has been working toward getting the city a contract with an animal shelter to take our animals.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-19 which would allow the Mayor to spend up to \$7,500.00 without Council approval with the understanding that the Mayor would inform the Council of any purchase and would be brought to the Council at the next meeting. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-19. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-20 which is an abatement to cut the grass on 411 North Center Ave. Matt Rogers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-20. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-20 passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2017-21 which is an abatement to cut the grass on 310 1st Ave. Matt Rogers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-21. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2017-21 was adopted unanimously.

In Other Business Matt Rogers gave a presentation on how the city could give an incentive to businesses to improve the look of their stores by giving 2% of sales tax back for the first year that a business is in

business and 1% back to businesses that are already established. He also informed the Council that the budget would be presented on November 7th for review.

Terry Kiser made a motion to increase the dispatcher pay by \$1.00 an hour due to the fact that the Piedmont Rescue Squad pays \$11,000.00 for the dispatchers to dispatch for the Ohatcee area. Mary Bramblett 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>
Mary Bramblett	Doug Dickeson	Ben Keller
Terry Kiser	Greg South	Matt Rogers
Mayor Baker	Bobby Hardin	

Following the roll call the vote was three yeas, 3 nays and two abstentions. Therefore, the motion did not pass.

Greg South said he appreciated Matt Rogers's presentation and he would like to offer something that would help Piedmont and the businesses.

Mary Bramblett said Matt Rogers is right about the vacant building and that the city needed to offer incentives.

Doug Dickeson asked when the cast iron replacement would start. Jesse McKnight informed him that the contractor should be here in the next weeks.

He asked about live streaming the Council meetings with the cameras in the courtroom. The Clerk informed him that the equipment that is in the court did not have the capabilities of live streaming the meetings.

He also asked about the downtown cameras and Carl Hinton informed him that he was waiting on one more quote to come in.

Doug Dickeson asked the status on the bucket truck that needed repairs on the lift bucket. Casey Ponder said that he was checking to see if the insurance would cover the repair.

He also asked if the Council had decided if half of the utility deposits should be given back if the customer has not been late for a year. The Council decided to leave the policy like it is at this time.

Matt Rogers asked when the handicapped swing would be put in at the park. Jeff Formby said that it had been delivered in pieces and that it should be put in in the next couple of weeks.

Jeff Formby said that a cycling group had asked to hold their event in Piedmont and had asked that the City provide \$5,000.00 for advertising. Matt Rogers made the motion to approve the \$5,000 for advertising. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked when the Bethune softball field would be grass free. Jeff Formby said that the grass had been sprayed.

Mary Bramblett said Dr. Edmond would possibly be opening in April of 2018.

Doug Dickeson announced the Crap 5k run on Saturday starting at 6:00 pm. He also questioned why the kids at Piedmont sports programs couldn't pray before games.

Matt Rogers also announced the Crap 5k run, the October 28th fall festival and the Downtown Halloween on October 31st.

Greg South had no report.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayors comments the Mayor said he is still trying to get an animal control contract for the city. He asked if the Council was okay with changing the December 5th Council meeting to December 12th so that the Christmas Parade could be on the 5th in case the Piedmont Bulldogs football team went to state. He discussed with the Council about using the AMEA grant money to add another pavilion to the Veterans Park.

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 8:25 pm.