

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
9-15-2020
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, Doug Dickeson, Matt Rogers, Greg South, Bobby Hardin, and Terry Kiser.
Absent were Mary Bramblett and Ben Keller.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes from the 12:00 pm special council meeting to canvass the votes be approved as presented. Bobby Hardin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Doug Dickeson made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$235,503.64 were then presented for consideration for payment. Doug Dickeson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2020-22 which is an abatement at 0 Anniston Ave. to cut the grass. Doug Dickeson made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-22. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2020-23 which is an abatement at 506 N Center Ave. Doug Dickeson made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-23. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of August 2020. Officers had 1526 total contacts with the public. There were 15 felony arrests, 49 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 20 drug arrests, 5 crimes against persons arrests, 22 court/warrant arrests. There were 49 citations written, 7 accident reports, 46 motorist assists. There were 4 burglaries reported, 14 thefts reported, 30 cases investigated, 106 incident reports.

The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$20,790.79 in fines for the month of August 2020.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of August 2020. There were 34 new and on-going total cases. 4 new yard cases, 3 cases being processed, 11 cases completed and 3 verbal contracts.

Chief Norton then gave the Piedmont Animal Control report for the month of August 2020. There were 15 calls for service, 1 investigation/court case, 16 animals picked up, 4 animals taken to shelter and 12 reclaimed by owner.

In Visitor's Comments Dallas Whorton and Connie Whorton asked for an apology from the Mayor and Council concerning the previous meeting when the council discussed finding someone else to complete the gazebo due to taking too long to get started. She gave a timeline from the start of the project until

now and showed that the city was the hold up on picking a design and color of cement. The Mayor and Greg South offered an apology for the comments made in the previous meeting.

In Council Reports Doug Dickeson asked about the water leak that he talked about at the previous meeting.

Matt Rogers asked about lighting the parking lot behind the administrative building. He also said the roots needed to be removed on the Chief Ladiga Trail and maybe would with the other cities and counties to get this done. He also announced that it was approved to have the Pinhoti Trail Town.

Bobby Hardin had no report.

Greg South had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin asked the council for a vote to purchase new trash cans for the sanitation department. She informed the council that the cost would be around \$14,000.00. Doug Dickeson made the motion to approve the purchase of the cans. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked the council to decide when the downtown trick or treat needed to be since Halloween was on a Saturday.

The Mayor read a Proclamation concerning Assisted Living week during September 13th thru 19th.

With no other business to come before the council Doug Dickeson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.