

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
2-18-2020  
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 Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Doug Dickeson, 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. Mary Bramblett made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$416,872.99 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next Kevin Cunningham spoke to the Council about the Commercial Development Board and why it was voted to be dissolved and the questioned Bobby Hardin for making the motion to do so.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2020-03 which is an abatement to tear down a house on Nolan Street. Terry Kiser made a motion to table the Resolution for further review. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to vote on an increase in pay for the Mayor and Council that is to be voted on every four years six months prior to the Municipal Election. Terry Kiser made the motion not to increase the pay for the Mayor and Council. Doug Dickeson seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Ben Keller	Mary Bramblett Doug Dickeson Matt Rogers Greg South Bobby Hardin Terry Kiser Mayor Baker	NONE

Following the roll call the vote was 1 yea and 7 nays to increase the Mayor and Council pay therefore the motion carried not to increase the pay.

In Visitor's Comments Jeff Smith said that many things to do like terrapin creek and pinhoti trail but people need a place to stay when they come.

Dennis Smith said in order to grow utilities you have to have people moving here. She said council persons need to meet with their districts.

Carolyn Flowers said Piedmont has not progressed and have lost 25% of residents. She said we need to use our resources and she can't tell where the vision of the council is.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said the pot holes on Lee Street needed to be repaired.

Mary Bramblett said she has been riding her district and will turn in work orders.

Doug Dickeson asked about the pickle ball court and an update on the gazebo. Doug Dickeson made a motion to use the \$250,000.00 grant for paving and add the \$38,000.00 from the gas money with \$100,000.00 from the reserve fund and money from County Commissioner Lee Patterson to equal \$500,000.00 and to pave as many streets as we can with that money. Matt Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Matt Rogers said that the goal needed to be to highlight the natural resources and he had started the Piedmont Trail Club.

Greg South said he is willing to work with anyone to better the city and be a positive influence.

Bobby Hardin said his concern about the Commercial Development Board was liability risk to the city.

Terry Kiser said that everyone makes mistakes and he apologized for voting to dissolve the board.

He also asked that the city look into direct deposit.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor announced Black History Month program on February 21<sup>st</sup>. at 6:00 pm. He also congratulated the Piedmont Basketball team and the Spring Garden Basketball team.

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 6:50 pm.