

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
1-19-2021
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, John Lawrence, Richard Williams, Jubal Feazell, Caleb Pope, Greg South, David Ivey and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Bill Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$611,370.91 were then presented for consideration for payment. Richard Williams made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Denise LaFollette with WideNet proposed a new website and email for the City of Piedmont. This would give the city access to enter information instead of sending it to a company to enter which is the way it is currently set up now. The price for the email and website will be \$13,988.00 which includes, email, website creation, 2 video creations and maintenance. Jubal Feazell made the motion to move forward with WideNet. Greg South seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to approve a beer and wine retail application for Dollar General Store 21965 located at 507 Memorial Drive. Caleb Pope made the motion to approve the beer and wine application. Richard Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of December 2020. Officers had 1106 total contacts with the public. There were 13 felony arrests, 63 misdemeanor arrests, 5 DUI arrests, 11 crimes against persons arrests, 1 theft arrest, 22 court/warrant arrests and 4 other agency arrest. There were 70 citations written, 8 accident reports, 3 motorist assists. There were 3 burglaries reported, 6 thefts reported, 14 cases investigated and 85 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,864.00 in fines for the month of December 2020.

The Chief then gave the yearly police report for 2020. Officers had 18,370 total contacts with the public. There were 171 felony arrests, 678 misdemeanor arrests, 36 DUI arrests, 190 drug arrests, 68 crimes against persons arrests, 17 theft arrests, 287 court/warrant arrests and 105 other agency arrests. There were 654 citations written, 72 accident reports, and 341 motorist assists. There were 11 violent crimes reported, 32 burglaries reported, 118 thefts reported, 248 cases investigated and 1217 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$241,036.00 in fines for the year 2020.

The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement for the month of December 2020. There were 22 total cases. There were 4 total yard cases, 9 cases being processed 6 cases completed, 1 contract on structure, 2 court appearances and 2 verbal contracts.

The Chief gave the yearly report for 2020. There were 109 total cases, 98 cases in compliance, 16 court cases, 14-yard cases brought to compliance by the city, 1 structure removed by the city, and 9 structures removed by the city for the owner.

The Chief gave the Animal Control Department report for the month of December 2020. There were 5 calls for service, 2 investigations/court cases, 19 animals picked up, 3 animals taken to shelter and 16 reclaimed by owner.

The Chief then gave the yearly report for the Animal Control Department for 2020. There were 178 calls for service. 19 investigations/court cases. 242 animals picked up, 106 animals taken to the shelter and 136 reclaimed by the owner.

There were no Visitor's Comments.

In Council Reports John Lawrence had no report.

Richard Williams thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Jubal Fezell asked that Lane Weatherbee with the Commercial Development Authority come to the meetings monthly to update the council on the board's activity.

Caleb Pope thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to maintain vigilance with the COVID-19 virus. He emphasized washing your hands and wearing a mask.

Greg South thanked the police department for their hard work.

David Ivey thanked the street department for completing work orders he turned in. He also said CVG would be hiring.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor thanked Gaines Todd with Musco Lighting for coming and giving a presentation on sports complex lighting. He also thanked Denise with WideNet for her website presentation.

With no other business to come before the council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.