

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
JANUARY 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Diane Studdard, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

Mayor Young declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation given by Michael Maddox and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$543,936.71 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention from Brent Morrison.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept a low bid from Boatner Construction of \$1,837,890.00 to build the new aquatic center located at the Piedmont Sports Complex. Ed Hanson made the motion to accept the low bid from Boatner Construction. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried with one no vote from Mary Bramblett.

Next on the agenda Michael Maddox spoke on behalf of himself, Dr. Ben Ingram and Dr. John R. Kirkpatrick asking the Mayor and City Council to consider accepting the dedication of two streets in to the City of Piedmont that are located off of Cherokee Trail.

The Mayor asked for consideration of two new board appointments for the Library Board. Ed Hanson nominated Pam McCord to fill a term on the board and Diane Studdard nominated Sharon Carter to fill a term on the board. Billy Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and Pam McCord and Sharon Carter were unanimously voted to fill a four year term on the Piedmont Library Board with terms expiring in 2015.

The Mayor then called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for December 2011. Officers had 885 contacts with the public, 42 motorist assists, 25 misdemeanor arrests, 10 felony arrests, 10 drug arrests, 34 traffic citations, 50 incident reports, 4 accident reports, 78 criminal investigations. 121 ambulance calls were dispatched in the police jurisdiction and 55 calls outside the police jurisdiction. 25 calls were dispatched for the fire department. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$10,430.10 in fines for the month of December.

In visitor's comments Harry Nuttall a local resident of Piedmont asked the council to accept a check from him to be put toward the first responders. Mr. Nuttall said that although he lives outside the city limits he still receives police and fire protection and he wanted to pay his fair share. The check was in the amount of \$150.00. He explained that \$50.00 was added in the name of fallen Anniston police officer Justin Sollohub who was killed in the line of duty last year.

In council reports John Lawrence had no report.

Mary Bramblett thanked Chief Tidwell for having the trash picked up along the street.

Ed Hanson said that the 1st Baptist Church would be helping rebuild a tornado victim's house in Wellington and that any help would be appreciated.

Kenny Kelley also thanked Chief Tidwell for having the trash picked up to make the city look better.

Diane Studdard had no report.

Billy Baker said that the Benevolence Center was very appreciative for the city letting them add the donation box to the utility bills.

Brent Morrison had no report.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor congratulated Keith Word for being chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Piedmont Journal and said he was very deserving of this award.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.