

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
OCTOBER 1ST, 2013
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 Pro-Tem Billy Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears and Terry Kiser.

Mayor Freeman was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Frank Cobb and the pledge of allegiance to the flag a representative from Municode gave a presentation to the council to give a proposal on updating city ordinances. Frank Cobb made the motion that would allow the City Clerk to send the ordinances that need updating to Municode to get a price for the update. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Frank Cobb made a motion to amend the minutes from September 3rd, 2013 meeting. Brenda Spears seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Brenda Spears made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17th, 2013 meeting. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$330,964.21 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one "no" vote from Brenda Spears.

Next on the agenda Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked for a motion to leave the utility cut off policy delinquent date on the 15th of each month and subject to cut off on the 25th of each month. After some discussion Ben Keller made the motion for the delinquent date to be the 15th of each month and subject to cut off on the 25th of each month. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked that the council to consider voting to allow Mayor Freeman to negotiate with Charlie Fagan on a price to purchase Fagan Park for the city. Frank Cobb made a motion to allow Mayor Freeman to negotiate with Charlie Fagan with the understanding that the Mayor come back to the council with the price to be voted on. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention from Mary Bramblett.

Next on the agenda was to vote for attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in May of 2014 and the longevity incentive for the employees in December, 2013. Frank Cobb made a motion to table these items until the budget meeting the following night. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Barry Cook asked the council to allow him to purchase a 2.5 acre strip of land that adjoins the cities property that was purchased in the previous administration that connects to the Piedmont Sports Complex. Kenny Kelley made the motion to allow the Mayor to negotiate with Mr. Cook on the sale of the property and to come back to the council with a price. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In other business Brenda Spears asked that other business be on the agenda separate and not included with council reports. She also asked why the amounts were different in the electrical account from the previous meeting to this meeting.

Brenda Spears made a motion that the council be given the codes to the keypads in the administrative office and that the council mailbox be moved back to where it was originally. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAHS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Ben Keller		
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Terry Kiser		

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker

A unanimous vote was given by the council for the keypad codes and council mailbox to be moved.

In council reports Ben Keller said he was turning in some places that need abatement letters for cleanup. He also thanked Commissioner Rudy Abbott for the softball field at the Bethune Center. He said he would like to have a sign on a pole at the ball field with Rudy Abbotts name and Vincent Greggs because Mr. Gregg did a lot for Bethune many years ago.

Mary Bramblett thanked everyone who painted and decorated the gazebo. She also said abatement was still a huge problem.

Frank Cobb said he had got complaints about traffic problems on Shady Grove Road. He asked that the police patrol this area more.

Kenny Kelley thanked the Mayor for getting some of the yards cut that were abatement problems.

Brenda Spears council comments: Bills for payment for October 1, 2013 council meeting is \$330,964.21 plus payroll for a \$444,971.46 total.

There was a great article in the September/October AMEA Currents magazine about our Downtown Gazebo getting repairs and new painting by the Youth Group from FUM Church as a community service project.

I want to invite the public to the work session tomorrow, October 2 at 5:30 PM in council chambers, to discuss the 2013-2014 Budget. According to OMA, Open Meeting Act, the public is welcome to attend all work sessions and special called meetings.

I am turning in an Nuisance Abatement work order dated September 24, 2013 for Dailey Street that includes the 2012 Ownership and Tax Assessment Report.

Terry Kiser said he still needs street signs in his district. He said we need to get started on abatement issues and stop talking about it. He also said that Ms. Connie Cantrell had asked him to announce a community clean-up day at the Hillcrest Community Cemetery on October 12, 2013 at 8:00 am.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker said he was turning in work orders for street signs, abatement and paving. He also thanked Commissioner Rudy Abbott for the work he is doing at the Bethune Center. He also read a letter from Mr. Dean Humphrey about him donating a piece of property on 104 Ladiga St. to the city if the city could apply for and get a grant to build a library.

With no other business to come before the council Frank Cobb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Michelle Franklin, City Clerk