

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
OCTOBER 20TH, 2015
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 Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Frank Cobb 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. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$391,433.32 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

Next on the agenda Terry Kiser made a motion to change the time for the Utility office and the Administrative office to shut down at 4:30 pm instead of 5:00 pm and only take a 30 minute lunch. Mr. Kiser said this would save money by shutting everything down 30 minutes early. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Frank Cobb	NONE
Mary Bramblett	Kenny Kelley	
Terry Kiser	Brenda Spears	
	Mark Harper	

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas and 4 nays the majority voted not to close the offices at 4:30pm.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of September, 2015. There were 2150 total contacts with public. There were 12 felony arrests, 69 misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 22 drug arrests, 6 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, and 31 court/warrant arrests. There were 51 citations, 8 accident reports and 44 motorist assists. One violent crime reported, 4 burglaries reported, 9 thefts reported, 18 cases investigated and 120 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$15,222.82 in fines for the month of September.

Chief Norton gave the animal control report for the month of September. There were 18 calls for service, 1 preliminary investigation, 1 follow-up investigation, 24 animals picked up, 2 animals returned to owner by ACO, 22 animals took to shelter, 14 stray/animals at large, 5 surrendered by owner, 3 abandoned and one reclaimed at shelter by owner.

Chief Norton also gave the abatement report for the month of September 2015. There were 36 total cases, 9 total yard cases, 9 new cases, 8 cases being processed, 7 cases with second notice sent, 15 cases completed, 3 community service workers and 2 court appearances.

In Other Business the Mayor opened the floor for nominations to replace Jay Wilson on the Park and Recreation Board. This would be to finish Mr. Wilson's term. Terry Kiser nominated Mr. Randy Morgan to finish the term. Kenny Kelley moved that the nominations be closed. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and Mr. Randy Morgan was appointed to fill the position on the Park and Recreation Board.

Brenda Spears asked if she could have a work space in the administrative office.

Ben Keller asked if Kevin Fagan was going to rent the city owned building. The Mayor informed Mr. Keller that Mr. Fagan had expressed interest and that he would find out in the next week if he was going to rent the building.

Mary Bramblett asked when the representatives of the USDA could come up and meet about the programs that they offer. The Mayor said that he would call and set up a time with them to come.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the street department and the abatement officer for the work done in his district.

Mary Bramblett asked when the street department would start picking up leaves and the Mayor said November 1st.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills of Payment for council tonight is \$391,433.32. Payroll and taxes for the week of October 9 was \$52,851.29. Payroll and taxes for the week of October 16 was \$53,024.06.

The grand total for tonight's October 20 council is \$497,308.67.

October 6, 2015 total was \$708,137.42.

October 6 & 20, 2015 total for spending is \$1,205,446.09.

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Work orders for limbs, potholes, signs, and damaged garbage cans were turned in.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said that they would be making new street signs.

In the Mayor's Report the Mayor informed the council that Mr. Ben Ingram and Mr. Michael Maddox would be paving Crimson Trail and the city would not be expected to pay for any of the paving.

The City Clerk asked the budget committee if and when they wanted to meet again to discuss the budget. Mary Bramblett said that the committee would meet again on Monday October 26th at 12:30 pm.

With no other business to come before the council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.