

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
OCTOBER 21, 2014  
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 Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser. Councilman Ben Keller arrived late to the meeting.

Brenda Spears was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Frank Cobb and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$379,782.77 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 601 which is an amendment that would increase the city sales tax from 4% to 5%. Terry Kiser made the motion that the rules be suspended for immediate consideration of Ordinance 601. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

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

Following a roll call a unanimous vote was not cast to suspend the rules for immediate consideration therefore Ordinance 601 could not be presented.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Ordinance 602 which is an amendment that would increase the city use tax from 4% to 5%. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the rules be suspended for immediate consideration of Ordinance 602. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

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

Following a roll call a unanimous vote was not cast to suspend the rules for immediate consideration therefore Ordinance 602 could not be presented.

Next on the agenda Mayor Baker read a Proclamation declaring the week of October 23-31 Red Ribbon Week in the City of Piedmont.

The Mayor then called on Chief Mike Ledbetter to give the fire report for the month of September 2014. The fire department had 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 woods fire, 3 vehicle accidents, 3 ambulance assist, 1 hazardous material call, 2 service calls, 3 automatic alarms and 3 false alarms.

Abatement Officer Charles McDonald asked the Council to declare 403 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. a nuisance and abatement. Terry Kiser made the motion to declare 403 5<sup>th</sup> Ave as a nuisance and abatement. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser made the motion to accept Steven Tidwell's resignation as the Police Chief for the Piedmont Police Department. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Frank Cobb asked the Mayor why the Piedmont City Schools had not been billed for garbage service. The Mayor replied that the issue would be taken care of and the bill would be applied to the school.

In Visitor's Comments Robbie Schoonhoven asked why his comments about a lawsuit towards the city was blocked from the newspaper.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett commented on the ribbon cutting at the new Mexican restaurant and thanked Carl Hinton for his part in getting the restaurant started. She also said she would like to see steps and banisters put at the cemetery so people could get to their grave lots easier.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser thanked Charles McDonald and Tim Holbrook for helping at the downtown event.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor thanked Dan Freeman for all the hard work he does to have the downtown events. The Mayor congratulated Freddie Norton for being the Acting Chief for the Piedmont Police Department.

With no other business to come before the Council Frank Cobb made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.