

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
November 18th, 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 Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Brenda Spears was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Craig Russell and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Before the minutes were adopted Frank Cobb wanted to clarify what his motion was at the previous meeting concerning the health insurance. He said his motion was not that the council couldn't vote for the insurance but that the vote would exempt the Council from whatever the vote was. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$335,750.01 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

The Mayor called of Chief Ledbetter to give the fire report for the month of October 2014. The fire department responded to 4 structure fires, 5 woods/grass fires, 2 hazardous materials calls, 2 ambulance assist, 3 vehicle accidents, 7 service calls, 6 automatic alarms and 2 trash/rubbish fire.

The Mayor called on Interim Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of October 2014. Officers had 4 felony arrests, 23 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 5 drug arrests, 4 crimes against persons arrests, 4 theft arrests and 11 court/warrants arrests. There were 19 citations written, 13 accident reports and 11 motorist assists. There were 7 burglaries reported, 19 thefts reported, 15 cases investigated and 99 incident/arrest reports. There were 1347 total contacts with the public. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$16,803.00 in court fines for the month of October.

Chief Norton then gave the Animal Control report for the month of October 2014. There were 16 calls for service, 3 preliminary investigations, 1 follow-up investigation, 38 animals picked up, 4 animals returned to owner, 34 animals to shelter, 31 strays/animals at large, 3 surrendered by owner and 4 reclaimed at shelter by owner.

Abatement Officer Charles McDonald gave the nuisance and abatement report for the month of October. There were 39 total cases, 7 yard cases, 8 cases being processed and 10 cases completed. He then asked that the council declare 509 North Center Ave. a public nuisance. Kenny Kelley made the motion to declare 509 North Center Ave. a public nuisance. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then called on Craig Russell to give the Piedmont Aquatic Center report from May 1st – September 1st. The average daily pool usage was 147 people, 126 season family passes were sold, 82 single season passes were sold, 37 parties booked and 4 accidents occurred during this time.

Next Water, Gas and Sewer Superintendent Jesse McKnight told the council that the city was awarded the sewer grant that had been applied for in 2013. The amount of the grant is \$450,000.00 with a match from the city of \$86,000.00. These repairs and improvements will be on Alabama St., Main St., Highway 278 and 5th Ave. He also explained to the council that the city could resubmit for ADEMS's State Revolving Fund Program (SRF) for water plant improvement. He explained that there is a possibility of being awarded free money along with the grant funding. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow Jesse McKnight to resubmit the paperwork for the SRF Program. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Terry Kiser asked why the garbage truck has not been sold yet. He was informed that the truck is broke down and being worked on and when it is returned it will be sold.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that Church Street signs need to be replaced. He also said he would like to see the lights put up at the Bethune ball field.

Mary Bramblett thanked Charles McDonald for the abatement issues he has handled in District 2. Frank Cobb said he would like to see Shady Grove Road cleaned up.

Kenny Kelley said he was going to get with Charles McDonald in the next week to show him some abatement problems.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor read a Proclamation for Farm Week which will be observed the week of November 21 through November 27.

He congratulated the Piedmont Bulldogs on a good season.

He announced a safety meeting on November 19th honoring the recent retirees and Commissioner Rudy Abbott.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.