

Minutes of the 2012 Organizational Meeting of the Piedmont City Council on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the  
Clyde H. Pike Civic Center

Following the taking of the oath of office by Mayor Richard Freeman and the newly elected council members, the organizational meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Freeman. Those present were council members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

The first order of business was ordinance #598 which is an ordinance to establish the rules of procedure in which the new city council would follow for their meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance #598. Billy Baker made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance #598. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
<b>Ben Keller</b>	
<b>Mary Bramblett</b>	
<b>Frank Cobb</b>	
<b>Kenny Kelley</b>	
<b>Brenda Spears</b>	
<b>Billy Baker</b>	
<b>Terry Kiser</b>	

Following the roll call vote Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Ordinance #598. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and Ordinance #598 was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Freeman opened the floor for nominations to elect a Mayor Pro-tem for the city council. Mary Bramblett made a nomination to elect Frank Cobb as Mayor Pro-tem. Brenda Spears made the motion that the nominations be closed. Ben Keller seconded the motion and Frank Cobb was elected Mayor Pro-tem unanimously.

Mayor Freeman then opened the floor for nominations for City Clerk, Treasurer and Personnel Director. Billy Baker made the nomination that Michelle Franklin be rehired as City Clerk, Treasurer and Personnel Director. Ben Keller made the motion that the nomination be closed. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Michelle Franklin was rehired as City Clerk, Treasurer and Personnel Director with one "Nay" vote from Brenda Spears.

The Mayor asked for a motion to retain the current depositories for the City of Piedmont. Frank Cobb made the motion to retain the current depositories for the City of Piedmont. Brenda Spears seconded the motion the current depositories were retained by unanimous vote.

The Mayor asked for a motion to retain the current city employees pending further review. Mary Bramblett made the motion to retain the current city employees pending further review. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Freeman then asked for a motion that the organizational meeting be considered the first meeting for the month of November for the new city council.

Next on the agenda the Mayor asked each council member to speak. Ben Keller thanked all the people in district one who put their faith in him to be their councilman. He said that he was here to do a job for the people.

Mary Bramblett thanked everyone for coming and said it had been an honor to serve District two for five terms. She thanked her family and said that she looked forward to working with the new Mayor and Council and hoped that this group would be remembered as the group that worked together and got a lot of things accomplished and not a group that never succeeded at anything. Mrs. Bramblett said she prays that it will be a successful four years.

Frank Cobb thanked Judge Turner for administering the oaths of office. He also thanked Rev. Matt Turner, Mayor Freeman and the citizens of Piedmont and thanked the council for the vote of confidence for electing him Mayor Pro-tem. He said he was looking forward to the next four years and working with the council to move Piedmont forward. He said his goal was to make Piedmont a better place to live and he was proud to live in Piedmont.

Kenny Kelley said he appreciated all the voters and the support that they showed him during the election. He said that he was looking forward to working with the new Mayor and council and wanted to

be a help to the whole city and not just district four. He thanked his wife for being there and also Judge Turner and the pastors that were there to show support.

Brenda Spears thanked everyone for coming and thanked her husband Jack for always supporting her in everything she tries to do. She also thanked the voters for their confidence in her on October 9<sup>th</sup>. She said she was excited to work with the new council and that she campaigned for teamwork, accountability, responsible spending, courage and character and an independent voice. She said she loved Piedmont and was ready to work with the Mayor and council to move Piedmont forward every day and at every council meeting.

Billy Baker thanked everyone that made the night possible. He thanked Judge Bud Turner, the pastors, Piedmont Band Members, Jr. League Marine Core and the local scouts for attending. He said it was an honor to serve on the council and that he had served under several Mayors and worked with many different council members. He said he appreciated City Clerk Michelle Franklin and that she had done a great job and will continue to do so. He said he was elected for district six but would work for the whole city to get things accomplished. He also thanked his family for being there for him and their support throughout the years. He said he was excited about the next four years and working together we can make great things happen.

Terry Kiser thanked everyone for being there and also Judge Turner and he said that he thought the Mayor and council would have a good four years.

Mayor Freeman thanked everyone for being there. He said that there had been some problems last week and that he was the commander of the ship and takes full responsibility for what happens in the city. He said that we had been given a lot of good things and now it was time for this Mayor and council to make things happen. He also thanked former Mayor Young for being open with him and letting him know things that were going on. He said that we have a hard road ahead of us and that it was the Mayor and council's responsibility to save money and spend wisely. He said that he was proud of Piedmont and that he wanted everyone to talk positive about Piedmont. He said that if you want to be negative about Piedmont then he would rather you leave. He asked that when the citizens were out and about to talk positive about Piedmont. He said he was looking forward to a great four years and that the City of Piedmont had many blessings coming its way.

Pastor Rick Blythe led the closing prayer.

Mayor Freeman then asked for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.