

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
DECEMBER 1ST, 2015
6:00PM

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, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Mary Bramblett and Brenda Spears were absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$309,231.40 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

In Other business Frank Cobb made the motion to accept the low bid of \$38,530.00 from Jim House and Associates for aerators at the sewer lagoon to keep in compliance with ADEM. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Norton asked permission from the Council to apply for a Local Law Enforcement Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,999.99. He stated that the computers in the police cars needed to be updated and this would help pay for that. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow Chief Norton to apply for the grant. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Ledbetter asked permission from the Council to go to Missouri to look at two used fire trucks that they had for sale. He stated that he has one for sale now and would like to replace it with the two used fire trucks that would cost \$160,000.00. He said that by selling the current fire truck it would cover the cost of both trucks that he would like to look at. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow Chief Ledbetter to go to Missouri to look and inspect the trucks and come back to the Council with a report. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked the city employees for cleaning out the Bethune Center. Frank Cobb said he had an abatement issue on Southern Ave. with the owner tearing down a house and taking too long. He also said he had an abatement issue on Haslem St. Kenny Kelley had no report. Mark Harper had no report. Terry Kiser he had request for street lights that would be on Alabama Power.

City Clerk Michelle Franklin informed the Council that all bills were current and paid and that usually this time of the year the city struggles to get the bills paid on time but at this time everything is paid in a timely manner.

In the Mayor's Comments he said that the Piedmont Bulldogs will be playing in the State Championship in Tuscaloosa on Thursday December 3rd at 11:00 am. He asked that everyone that could go out and support the team. He then told the Council that they needed to go into executive session to discuss a property matter for the city.

Frank Cobb made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the property matter. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call a unanimous vote was cast to go into executive session to discuss the property matter. The Mayor informed the audience that the meeting would not reconvene prior to the executive session.

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 6:20 pm.