

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
5:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Rick Freeman, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

Mayor Freeman declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation given by Rev. Thomas Bragg and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$402,118.40 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved for payment. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept a transfer for a retail off premises beer application from Stewards Market to Piedmont Texaco located at 101 US Hwy 278 Bypass West. Mary Bramblett made the motion to accept the transfer. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Phillip Winkles with the Piedmont Rescue Squad gave an ambulance run data report for the month of November 2012 which consisted of call volume, dispatch reasons, average run times and hospital transportations.

Next Chief Tidwell gave the police report for the month of November 2012. Officers had 705 total contacts with the public, 48 incident reports, 21 theft reports, 9 burglary reports, 33 UTC's, 6 accident reports, 32 motorist assists, 20 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 1 drug arrest, 8 other arrests. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$14,947.97 in court fines for the month of November.

In other business Billy Baker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-27 which would renew a line of credit in the amount of \$250,000.00 with Farmers and Merchants Bank for general operating expenses. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett made a motion for the Mayor to enter into a contract of the city's insurance for 2013. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to give the city employees a longevity incentive for the month of December which would be a \$50.00 base and \$10.00 for every year the employee has worked for the city. Total amount for the incentive was \$12,270.00. The Mayor stated that he would not be receiving a salary for the office of Mayor and that this would cover the cost of the incentive. Kenny Kelley made the motion to give the employees the longevity incentive. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions from Ben Keller and Terry Kiser.

In council reports Ben Keller thanked the city employees for their work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mary Bramblett announced a new shoe store called Maggie's Shoes located on Hwy 278.

Frank Cobb said he had found some streets in his district that needed some repairs and would like to see this done when the weather improves.

Kenny Kelley wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and told everyone to hug their kids.

Brenda Spears said the council received a 48 page report title General Fund Revenue Projection for 2012-2013. She said the report was very informative but this is not a budget. She said she was looking forward to getting a true budget and one question does this report reflect the ending balance of September 30, 2012. She also said that Officer Sheldon Estes responded to a 911 call on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and Mrs. Sydney Franklin wanted to thank Officer Estes, Chief Tidwell all the other officers for their professionalism. Today was the first ribbon cutting of 2012 at Hawkins PC on Center Ave. at 11:00 a.m. and the reporter from the Anniston Star was not there. She said we have got to have someone responsible for getting the city publicity for special events. She informed everyone that the next ribbon cutting was on December 22, 2012 at 10:00 am. at Brooke's on West Ladiga Street. She also thanked Steven Glover and Sabrina Minton from Lovers By Glover for taking care of the refreshments and set up of the ribbon cutting.

Billy Baker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also thanked the Mayor for the longevity pay for the employees.

Terry Kiser said he had talked to someone about opening a new business hopefully after the first of the year. He said he had asked Carl Hinton about replacing a street sign at Knob Hill. He also said that the fire department roof should be repaired after the first of the year.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor commented on how good the ribbon cutting went and that they had also talked to some people that day and got contacts for different businesses. He said that the parade was outstanding and he thanked everyone involved in making it a success. He said that the council had tough decisions to make but that they were going to do what was right for the citizens of Piedmont. He said that we needed to do whatever was necessary to keep our children safe in our schools. He also announced that the next work session would be on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. and the next council meeting would be January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

With no other business to come before the council Billy Baker made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.