

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

DECEMBER 21ST, 2010

5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Billy Baker, Council Members Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Eddie Baldwin and Brent Morrison.

Mayor Young and Councilman John Lawrence were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$430,405.76 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved unanimously.

Next on the agenda the City Clerk explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that pertained to the sewer project that will redo sewer lines in the "Mill Village" part of the city. The Clerk told the Council that two bids were opened on December 8th, 2010 at 10:00am. One bid was for the administrative part of the grant which was turned in by Morton and Associates. The second bid was for the engineering part of the grant which was turned in by Utility Engineering Consultants. The Clerk informed the Council that the bids had to be awarded to the two companies in order for the project to start. At that time Brent Morrison made the motion to award the bids to Morton and Associates for the administrative portion of the grant and award the engineering portion to Utility Engineering Consultants. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of November 2010. During the month officers made a total of 676 contacts with the public. During the month officers made 23 misdemeanor arrests, 5 felony arrests and issued 15 citations. Of those arrests, 1 was for DUI, 3 were for drug offenses and officers seized one explosive device. The Municipal Court collected \$11,102.77 in fines for the month.

In other business Mary Bramblett made the motion to extend the utility penalties to the 25th of each month for the months of January, February and March to help the citizens who may have high utilities during the cold months. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ed Hanson made the motion to allow residents and business owners to receive a second can at half price until a formal resolution concerning fees is presented at the next meeting for adoption. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett made the motion to move the flashing light that is located in front of the old Folsom Funeral Home and relocate the light to the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Old Piedmont Gadsden Road pending approval of Mr. Folsom. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett made the motion to repair the three sirens that are not working properly in the city. She also added to the motion to allow Electrical Supervisor Phillip Johnson to spend up to \$7,000.00 on the repairs and to check with the county commission about available funds to upgrade the existing sirens. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brent Morrison made the motion to allow Chief Tidwell to purchase a walk through metal detector with a hand held scanner to be placed at the municipal court/council chambers in the amount of \$4,544.00. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Keith Word thanked everyone that helped with the Downtown Christmas Events and the parade. He also gave a special thanks to Ben Singleton for taking over the preparations for the parade during his sickness.

In council reports Mary Bramblett expressed how much she enjoyed the event at the Benevolence Center and all the hard work that was put into preparing for it and to see the excitement of the children receiving toys. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Ed Hanson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and also thanked the city employees for the work during the Christmas parade.

Kenny Kelley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and also asked everyone to keep Ed Hanson's daughter Kelly Johnson in their prayer concerning her health issues.

Eddie Baldwin wished all the citizens, employees, mayor, council and city clerk a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brent Morrison wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In the Mayor's comments Mayor Pro Tem Baker thanked Keith Word, Ben Singleton and all the city employees who helped with the Downtown Christmas Events and the Parade. He also expressed how much he enjoyed helping give out toys at the Benevolence Center.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.