

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
DECEMBER 3RD, 2013
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, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for approval. Frank Cobb made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$76,475.22 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote from Brenda Spears.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2013-15 which would allow the City of Piedmont to request that the State Legislature adopt Sunday Liquor Sales in the City Limits of Piedmont and the Police Jurisdiction. Ben Keller made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-15. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller Mary Bramblett Frank Cobb Kenny Kelley Mark Harper Terry Kiser	Brenda Spears	

Following a six to one vote Resolution 2013-15 was adopted.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations to appoint a member to the Airport Board Authority. Kenny Kelley nominated Lee Hubbard, Brenda Spears nominated Charlie Fagan and Terry Kiser nominated Stanley Todd. Frank Cobb made the motion that the nominations be closed. Terry Kiser seconded the motion. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to do a roll call vote on the nominees and the vote was as follows:

Lee Hubbard

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller Frank Cobb Kenny Kelley Mark Harper	Brenda Spears Terry Kiser	Mary Bramblett

Charlie Fagan

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	Ben Keller	Mary Bramblett
	Brenda Spears	Frank Cobb
	Mark Harper	
	Terry Kiser	

Stanley Todd

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Brenda Spears	Ben Keller	Mary Bramblett
Terry Kiser	Frank Cobb	Mark Harper
	Kenny Kelley	

Following the roll call vote for each nominee Lee Hubbard was appointed to the Airport Board.

Next on the agenda the Council, Rena Seals a Piedmont City School representative and two representatives from Information Transport Solutions, Inc. (ITS) discussed the internet that is offered to students. ITS explained that if the system was not used to provide internet service for the students off campus that they would have no need to continue using the city's fiber for the internet system. After a lengthy discussion Terry Kiser made a motion to set up a work session with representatives from the school, the City and ITS to discuss the matter further. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried with one "no" vote from Frank Cobb.

The Mayor then asked the councils wishes on a longevity incentive for the city employees that the employees receive in the month of December. The amount would total \$12,130.00. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the employees receive the longevity incentive. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller		
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call a unanimous vote was given for the longevity incentive.

In Other Business Terry Kiser made a motion to repair the rear loader on the garbage truck in the amount of \$11,041.14. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Spears said that someone had a large dead animal in the road during Thanksgiving and asked that the council consider someone be on call for the street department during the holidays. She also asked that the trash pick-up days be posted in different locations for citizens to see.

She said there was an article in the Anniston Star on October 9th, 2013 that stated the City of Piedmont would pay \$20,000.00 for the McClellan Area Regional Development Compact. She asked who authorized this because it didn't come before the Council.

Mark Harper asked what the goal was for the Council in 2014 to try to recover from the financial situation that the City is in. He suggested hiring a recruiter to help look for business and industry.

In visitors comment Brett Shields asked the councils permission to hold a roadblock to solicit moneys for the Head Start Program in Piedmont. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow a roadblock to help the Head Start Program. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller thanked Commissioner Rudy Abbott for all he is doing at the Bethune Center.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Frank Cobb said he needed a road sign on Sanford Dr. and also asked Chief Tidwell to have prisoners clean up the road. He asked that Littlejohn Dr. be considered in the paving.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments: For December 3, 2013 the bills for payment were \$76,475.22 plus payroll and taxes \$121,883.47 for a total of \$198,358.69. The city's website for the September 3, 2013 council meeting is incomplete and missing information. Also, the council passed the motion that council minutes would be posted within 5 working days after being approved. I turned in work orders for Sparks Street, Eubanks Street, Harris Avenue, Calhoun Street, and Montview Street. I am turning in requests for Public Information pertaining to the articles in the Anniston Star for July 17 and October 9, 2013 and the 2012-2013 Summary Budget that reflects the September 30 End of Year Budget per Departments and four other information requests. I encourage everyone to drive and see the Meaning of Christmas displays at the Sports Complex on December 12-14 from 6-9 PM and participate in the Piedmont Christmas activities on December 14 starting at 10 AM.

Mark Harper had no reports.

Terry Kiser said Bragg Blvd. needed to be paved.

In the Mayor's Comments he announced the Piedmont Polar Plunge on January 4, 2014 at the new aquatic center. Each person would pay \$10.00 to take the plunge and the proceeds would go to the Venecia's Foundation for Cancer. He announced a ribbon cutting at the new Assisted Living Facility at 10:00 on Friday December 6, 2013. He informed the council that if they wanted to join the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce it would be \$11.25 each. He thanked Radford Prater for helping work with the Community Watch Program. He congratulated Craig Russell with the City of Piedmont Park and Recreation Department for receiving the Alabama Recreation Park Association District 4 award for Lifetime Achievement. This also qualifies Craig for the State award.

With no other business to come before the council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.