

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PIEDMONT  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011

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 Council Members Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Eddie Baldwin and Billy Baker.

Mayor Young, John Lawrence and Brent Morrison 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 that the minutes be approved as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$566,046.91 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Baker asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-07 which is an agreement between Waste Away Group and the City for disposal services. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-07. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Resolution 2011-07 was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Baker asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-08 which is an agreement between Charter Communication, LLC and the City to attach communication lines, cables, facilities, equipment and appliances to poles owned by the City of Piedmont. Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-08. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Baker then asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-09 which is an agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the City of Piedmont that requires the City to lease 9,000 square feet of property at the sum of \$600.00 per year. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-09. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Baker then asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-10 that declares certain city vehicles and equipment as surplus to be placed on Gov deals and sold to the highest bidder. Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-10. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda Mayor Pro-tem Baker read a Proclamation declaring the month of February Black History Month.

Mayor Pro-tem then called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of January. Officers had 695 contacts with the public, 5 felony arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 1 meth lab seized, 44 traffic citations, 45 incident reports, 7 accident reports and 25 criminal investigations. The Municipal Court collected a total of \$9,113.00 in fines for the month of January.

In other business Ed Hanson made the motion to accept the bid from Altec for the purchase of a digger derrick truck for the electrical department in the amount of \$155,436.00. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt the prices for each size dumpster that the city will supply to the business within the city limits. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Rev. Roger Keenum of the New Beginning C.H. Church thanked the council for helping them with the parking problems at the church. He also told the council that the church had started Celebrate Recovery to help those in need.

In council reports Mary Bramblett congratulated the Piedmont Bulldogs boys' basketball team for winning the area. She also asked that everyone remember David Christopher in their prayers. Ed Hanson reminded everyone to start bagging their leaves beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenny Kelley asked everyone to remember John Lawrence's mother who is in the hospital. Eddie Baldwin spoke about two articles in the Anniston Star. One was about Alabama Power and how power regulations are coming down and the power could increase from 30 to 40% to the customers. He said he hopes that everyone in Piedmont read the article and realizes that the increases come from higher up than the council. He also read an article about the school system and how it was ranked as one of the cost efficient school systems in the state and it was in the top tier of the school systems across the country. He said that Matt Akin was one of the best managers around. He also commented on how good the Benevolence Center was doing and how much it was appreciated.

In the Mayor's comments Mayor Pro-tem Baker asked everyone to come out and support the Piedmont Boys Basketball team Friday night at 7:00. He also reminded everyone that utility penalties will be extended through March.

With no other business to come before the council Ed Hanson made the motion to adjourn. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.