

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
FEBRUARY 2ND, 2016
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 and Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper and Brenda Spears were absent from the meeting.

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

The bills totaling \$258,826.96 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance No 606 which would allow the city to declare 0.13 acres of land behind the Piedmont Museum as surplus property. This would be the second reading of the Ordinance by the council. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Ordinance No 606. Ben Keller 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>
Mary Bramblett	Ben Keller Frank Cobb Kenny Kelley Terry Kiser	None

Following the roll call the vote was 1 yea, and 4 nays. Therefore the property would not be declared surplus.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-04 which would be declaring four lawnmowers and one automatic transfer switch as surplus property to be listed on Gov Deals to the highest bidder. Terry Kiser made the motion to accept Resolution 2016-04. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-05 which would de-annex the property of Mr. Terry Studdard from the city limits of Piedmont. Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-05. Frank Cobb 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	Terry Kiser	NONE

Following the roll call the vote was 4 yeas and 1 nay. Therefore, the property of Mr. Terry Studdard will be de-annexed from the City of Piedmont.

Next on the agenda Frank Cobb made a motion to raise the gas tax by two cents and for the city to obtain a bond in the amount of 1.2 million dollars to pave city streets. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the City Clerk for a roll call and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Frank Cobb Kenny Kelley	Ben Keller Mary Bramblett Terry Kiser	NONE

Following the roll call the vote was 2 yeas and 3 nays. Therefore, the two cent gas tax and bond did not pass.

In Other Business Terry Kiser made a motion that the clerk start the necessary paperwork to declare the property located on South Center Ave. where the skate park is located as surplus property. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Kiser asked about fixing the basketball court at the civic center and also using it for a skating rink.

Mary Bramblett asked about the golf driving range at the complex.

Ben Keller asked about the lights at Bethune.

The City Clerk informed the Council that a certified lineman needed to be hired to replace the one that had left last year. Mary Bramblett made the motion to hire a certified lineman. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said she had several ditches that needed cleaning out.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Terry Kiser asked if the city could clean the safe route to school sidewalk off.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that he had been approached about the trying to get Sunday alcohol sales passed again. Ben Keller made the motion to start the process to allow the Sunday alcohol sales for the City of Piedmont and police jurisdiction. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor informed the Council that city employee David Welsh's father had passed away. He also told the Council that 60% of the city had a power outage on Monday due to a squirrel getting in the substation beside Jack's Restaurant. He said the necessary cages were put in to stop the squirrel problem but the electrical department needed more for the other substation. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the electrical department to get the needed cages. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the City Clerk informed the Council that February 23rd, 2016 was the last day to change the Mayor and Council pay for the next administration. Kenny Kelley made the motion not to increase the Mayor or Council pay. Frank Cobb 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>
Mary Bramblett	Ben Keller	NONE
Frank Cobb	Terry Kiser	
Kenny Kelley		

Following the roll call the vote was 3 yeas and 2 nays not to increase the pay for Mayor and Council for the next administration.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.