

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
FEBRUARY 21ST, 2012
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 Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Diane Studdard, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

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

Following the invocation 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$513,309.87 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 with one abstention from Brent Morrison.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2012-04 which would allow retiree's from the City of Piedmont to remain on the City's insurance after the age of 65 but the retiree would be responsible for all premiums due to the health care program. Brent Morrison made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-04 with the understanding that there will not be any retroactive payments to anyone that is already on the retirement plan that is over 65 years of age. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and Resolution 2012-04 was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2012-05 which would be a request to the Attorney General's Office to ask if the Piedmont Fire Department would be allowed to charge the insurance companies when the fire department responds to a fire. Billy Baker made the motion to pass Resolution 2012-05. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the 2011 year and the January 2012 report. In 2011 there were 10,004 total contacts with the public, 364 misdemeanor arrest, 84 felony arrest, 668 citations were written. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$145,242.93 for the year with a 99.9% conviction rate.

For the month of January, 2012 officers had a total of 814 contacts with the public, 24 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, 1 DUI arrest, 69 traffic citations, 58 incident reports, 6 accident reports and 65 criminal investigations. In the police jurisdiction 93 calls were dispatched for ambulance service, 56 were dispatched outside the police jurisdiction and the fire department had 15 dispatched calls for service. The Municipal Court collected \$13,432.00 in fines for the month of January, 2012.

Next on the agenda, a public hearing was held to discuss vacating an unopened portion of an alley located at South Center Ave. With no objections to the vacation of the alley a Resolution will be presented at the next regular scheduled council meeting to vacate the portion of alley.

In other business Kenny Kelley made the motion to rebid the Highland Cemetery for the grass cutting season. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ed Hanson made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement with Arista Information Systems, Inc. which would allow utility customers to pay their utility bills online. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Mr. Harry Nuttall expressed his concerns about the first responders bright lights shining at oncoming traffic during a recent fire on Highway 21.

Mrs. Erin Adderhold told the council that it was unfair to rebid the Highland Cemetery after the council had already seen their bid from last year and now it was public knowledge and that A & W Lawn Kare was now at a disadvantage to get the bid.

In council reports John Lawrence reminded everyone of the Black History Month Program on February 24th, at 6:00 pm.

Mary Bramblett asked everyone to remember Henry Reynolds and family after the death of his wife. Ms. Bramblett asked that the street department work on getting the potholes fixed in town. She

informed everyone that Rapid Response would be at Garcy to talk with the employees. She also informed everyone that there would be computer classes at the high school to help people learn to fill out on line applications for jobs.

Ed Hanson reminded everyone of the Sweet 16 Piedmont Basketball games.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Diane Studdard asked if the council could each take a board that needs members and work to get the vacancies filled.

Billy Baker asked for the council support on tearing down a house on McCollister Street when the proper paper work has been completed.

Brent Morrison had no report.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor thanked Mrs. Bramblett for all the work she has done with the Chamber since Garcy announced their closing. He also recognized the Piedmont Girls Basketball Team and also the Piedmont Cheerleaders.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Michelle Franklin, City Clerk