

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
FEBRUARY 5TH, 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 Pro Tem Frank Cobb, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

Mayor Freeman was absent from the meeting.

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

Following the invocation given by Rev. Thomas Bragg and the pledge of allegiance to the flag Mayor Pro Tem Cobb asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Billy Baker made the motion that the agenda be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Cobb asked for a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$407,061.71 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved for payment. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Cobb asked for a roll call vote and the votes were as follows:

<u>YEHS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	None	None
Mary Bramblett		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Billy Baker		
Terry Kiser		

Next on the agenda the Mayor Pro Tem called on Officer Shannon Kelley to give the police report for the month of December, 2012. Officers had a total of 847 contacts with the public, 1 felony arrest, 31 misdemeanor arrests, 4 drug arrests, 4 crimes against persons arrests, 3 theft arrests, 11 court/warrant arrests, 10 other arrests. There were 22 citations, 11 accident reports and 49 motorist assists. There were 196 dispatch calls for the Piedmont Rescue Squad, 19 fire calls dispatched for the Piedmont Fire Department and a total of 765 calls to the dispatch center. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$10,575.42 for the month of December, 2012.

In council reports Terry Kiser said he had some abatement issues on Johnson St. with renters moving out and leaving piles of trash and junk in the yard.

Billy Baker thanked the council members that came to the recent meeting at the Bethune Center and also gave a special thanks to Ben Keller because he helped lead the meeting. He said that the citizens expressed many needs for the Bethune Center. He said that some needs could be met immediately while others would take some time to happen. He said that a follow up meeting is scheduled for March. Brenda Spears thanked Sherwood Sparks for his December 31st, 2012 letter to the Mayor and Council with his seven suggestions for Piedmont improvements. She said she hopes the city will pursue one of his ideas to newly paint the center lines down the center of each street to have open lanes for two lane traffic and newly paint the in and out arrows for parking lots such as Lively's , Watsons, the welcome center and city library, etc. She also stated that Mrs. Marie Hendrix had asked that the city be more active in abatement issues for North Center Ave. She said this part of North Center does not make a good impression on visitors as they drive from Highway 278 downtown. Mrs. Spears stated that she was at the welcome center Friday, February 2nd and some riders told her about a trash pile behind Fords Body Shop located next to the trail. She also stated that she had talked to Joan Sanders who does the city's audit, CPA firm Sanders and Associates, and she said that the audit would be ready at the end of February or early March for the council to review, and that she looks forward to talking to the council members about the audit at a council meeting open to the public at a later time.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Mary Bramblett said that again she would like to thank Michelle Franklin, Carl Hinton, Ben Singleton and the Mayor for helping redo the city brochures. She said that the brochures were placed in the hands of 350 automobile suppliers and she has already had a call from a man who was a realtor for Springs. Ben Keller said he agreed with Billy Baker about how good the Bethune meeting went to discuss the needs for the facility. He said he really appreciated everybody coming out and giving their opinions.

In Mayors comments, Mayor Pro Tem Cobb said he was filling in for the Mayor while he recovers from his surgery. He said that the month of February is a great month and it's the month of love he said to take the opportunity sometime this month to tell somebody you love them. He also announced that February is Black History Month and that the program for Black History Month would be held February 22nd, 2013 at the Bethune Center and it is always a great program and he encouraged everyone to come. He also thanked the city employees for being prepared for the storms that were close calls in the last couple of weeks. He echoed Billy Baker and Ben Keller about the meeting at the Bethune Center and said it was a really good meeting. He said if all the folks in Piedmont would join together like the folks at the Bethune Center we wouldn't have a lot of problems in Piedmont. He said they want to see things done and they volunteer to do things to make improvements.

With no other business to come before the council Billy Baker made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.