

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

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 given by Kenny Kelley 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 minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$475,483.56 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention from Brent Morrison.

The Mayor asked for a nomination to the Piedmont School Board to serve a five year term to replace Mr. Jackie Spears whose term expires in May of 2012. Ed Hanson nominated Mr. Bruce Adderhold to serve on the Piedmont School Board. Kenny Kelley made a motion that the nominations be closed. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and Mr. Bruce Adderhold was appointed by acclamation.

The Mayor asked for consideration of a retail liquor license to operate Fat Dog Saloon located at 2780 US Highway 278 West. Billy Baker made the motion to accept the State of Alabama retail liquor license for Fat Dog Saloon. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of an Agreement for Mutual Aid for Emergencies and Disasters in Calhoun County. This documentation provides a coordination mechanism for mobilizing assets in a disaster as well as back-up documentation that will help recoup expenses. The agreement has been drafted to conform with FEMA and Alabama EMA guidelines, especially those relating to reimbursement. Brent Morrison made the motion to accept the Mutual Aid Agreement. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2012-07 which would allow the city to place three used police cars on Gov Deals to be sold to the highest bidder. Billy Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-07. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2012-08 which would declare the property at 114 McCollister Street to be a public nuisance and to be demolished by the Public Works Department. Billy Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-08. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in May. After some discussion the voting delegates will be Mayor Young, 1<sup>st</sup>. alternate Ed Hanson and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate John Lawrence. Ed Hanson made the motion to accept the voting delegates. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brent Morrison made the motion to accept the low bid from Consolidated Pipe and Supply in the amount of \$199,230.00 for the water meter project. Fund will be taken from the water bond account. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ed Hanson made the motion to accept the low bid of \$149,187.06 from Petty Line Construction for the right of way clearing bridge project with funds will be reimbursed through the state. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brent Morrison made the motion to accept the low bid of \$900.00 per cut from All Around Handyman to cut the Highland Cemetery with the alternate being A & W Lawn Care in the amount of \$1,890.00 per cut in the event that the All Around Handyman could not perform the job. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions from Mary Bramblett and Ed Hanson.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Tidwell for the police report. Officers made 800 contacts with the public, 30 misdemeanor arrests, 3 felony arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 54 traffic citations, 65 incident reports, 3 accident reports, 50 criminal investigations, 80 ambulance calls dispatched in the police jurisdiction, 50 ambulance calls dispatched outside police jurisdiction and 15 fire department calls dispatched. The Municipal Court collected \$11,500.89 in fine money.

In other business the Mayor asked for a motion to hold a public hearing on April 17, 2012 at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm for the redistricting of the council districts. Ed Hanson made the motion to hold the public hearing. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Billy Baker made the motion to remain paying the Piedmont Rescue Squad the \$15,000.00 a year for the purchase of ambulances with the understanding that the City receives requested information from the rescue squad. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In council reports John Lawrence had no report.

Mary Bramblett said the Job Fair would be held at the civic center on March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. So far eighteen companies had planned to attend.

Ed Hanson reminded the council to fill out their ethics forms.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Diane Studdard commended Mary Bramblett for all her work on getting the job fair. She also wanted to thank Dennis and Debbie Ragsdale for helping pick up trash and keeping the park clean.

Billy Baker thanked the council and Carl Hinton for the help in getting the 114 McCollister St. house torn down.

Brent Morrison congratulated Clay Dent for getting another state record in wrestling.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor reminded everyone that opening day will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. 2012. He also thanked Craig Russell, Joey Spivey and Bruce Wallace with the Park and Recreation Department for the work they did at the tournament over the past weekend.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made a motion to adjourn. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.