

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 7, 2015

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, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word 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 motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$495,063.11 were then presented for consideration. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda the Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 603 which pertains to two lots on Anniston Ave. that the city would like to deem surplus. Terry Kiser made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 603. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	none	none
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call a unanimous vote was cast to suspend the rules for immediate consideration.

Terry Kiser then made the motion to adopt Ordinance 603. Ben Keller seconded the motion and Ordinance 603 passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2015-06 which pertains to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program that the city applied for and received to make improvements to the Piedmont filter plant. Brenda Spears made the motion to table the Resolution for further discussion. With no second the motion dies.

Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-06 with just repairs to the filter plant and not finishing one of the wells at the sports complex. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Kenny Kelley	none
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call the vote was 6-1 to do repairs at the filter plant but not the well at the complex.

In Other Business Terry Kiser asked if the city needed to keep or sell the garbage truck. Mary Bramblett asked what the council could do to help Dr. Ben Ingram with water lines and fire hydrants. Ben Keller said that we needed to go with the bids on the Highland Cemetery instead of the city employees cutting it. He said it cost too much for the city to cut.

Brenda Spears made the motion to go with Southern Lawn Care for the Highland Cemetery grass cutting for \$1350.00 per cut and if the council is not happy then the city will have 30 days to cease and assist. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAN</u>
Brenda Spears	Terry Kiser	Frank Cobb
	Mark Harper	
	Kenny Kelley	
	Mary Bramblett	
	Ben Keller	

Following the roll call a vote of 5 Nays, 1 yea and 1 abstention was cast. Southern Lawn Care did not receive the majority vote for the Highland Cemetery grass cutting.

Next Ben Keller made the motion to go with A & W Lawn Care for the Highland Cemetery grass cutting in the amount of \$1600.00 per cut. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	none	Frank Cobb
Mary Bramblett		Brenda Spears
Kenny Kelley		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call vote of 5 yeas and 2 abstentions, A & W Lawn Care was awarded the bid for Highland Cemetery grass cutting.

Mark Harper made a motion that the city have a contract drawn up with a 30 day notice for the city or business to get out of without clause. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett made the motion that if a citizen has a problem with something at the cemetery that the Mayor or the City Clerk informs A & W Lawn Care of the problem so that the business can make the necessary repairs. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Spears nominated Mr. Billy Lindsey to serve on the Board of Equalization. Mark Harper nominated Mr. Chad Latta. Frank Cobb made the motion that the nominations be closed. The Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows for Mr. Billy Lindsey:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Frank Cobb	Ben Keller	Mary Bramblett
Kenny Kelley	Mark Harper	
Brenda Spears		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call a vote of 4 yeas, 2 nays and 1 abstention were cast for Mr. Billy Lindsey. There was no vote for Mr. Chad Latta due to the majority vote for Mr. Lindsey.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Kevin Harvey asked the council for permission to replace a modular home with a newer modular home at 6628 Old Gadsden Hwy. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow the replacement of the modular home. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments:

The Bills for Payment for April 7, 2015 is \$495,063.11. The payroll and taxes for March 20 and March 27 and May 3 is \$165,510.14. The total for tonight's council approval is \$660,573.25

The city audit is done by Sanders and Associates. At the March 17 Council Meeting, Mayor Baker told the council that his contract with Ms. Sanders for the fiscal budget year 2014-2015 is \$50,000.00

Why are the Council Meeting minutes not posted within a 5 day period after being approved per a council vote for this time frame? Citizens who are not able to attend the meetings want to read the minutes to be informed.

Congratulations to Don Glover for his promotion to Captain on the police force.

I have turned in work orders for a street light out, tree limbs and debris on the side of the road, and potholes.

I turned in a paving request list for District 5 to the mayor and Lee Patterson, Piedmont's representative Calhoun County Commissioner.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said that he was just trying to save money by getting the street department to cut the grass at Highland Cemetery.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that we had a great opening day of baseball and softball last Saturday. He thanked the Park and Recreation for all the hard work getting the fields prepared. He also thanked Dan and Carolyn Freeman for trying to bring life to the downtown with the Antique day. He informed everyone that AMEA had awarded three scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 a piece to

three students at Piedmont High School. The students are Miss Victoria Donaldson, Mr. Skylar Fontaine and Miss Joyce Pleze. The Mayor then asked the council for permission to hire two new employees, one for the street department because an employee transferred to the park and recreation department and one for the utility office because an employee will soon be retiring. Terry Kiser made the motion to allow the Mayor to hire the two new employees. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Frank Cobb	Mark Harper
Mary Bramblett	Kenny Kelley	
Terry Kiser	Brenda Spears	
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call of 4 yeas, 3 nays and 1 abstention the majority voted to hire two new employees.

Next the Mayor read a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week for the week of April 12-18, 2015. He also recognized the city dispatchers for the City of Piedmont.

With no other business to come before the council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.