

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 17TH, 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 Brain Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

Diane Studdard was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Thomas Bragg and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$469,022.90 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 2012-10 which would name the road entering in to the sports complex off of the Old Gadsden Highway. The road will be named Complex Road. Brent Morrison made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-10. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Joan Sanders with Sanders and Associates gave the council a report on the 2011 audit for the City of Piedmont.

The Mayor then called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of March 2012. Officers had 998 contacts with the public, 37 misdemeanor arrests, 5 felony arrests, 1 drug arrest, 86 traffic citations, 76 incident reports, 12 accident reports, 57 criminal investigations. There were 124 ambulance calls dispatched in the police jurisdiction and 62 calls outside the police jurisdiction. 24 fire department calls were dispatched. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$18,002.49 in fine money for the month of March.

In other business the Mayor asked for a nomination for the Piedmont Health Care Board. Ed Hanson nominated Carlos Farmer to be re-appointed to the board for another six year term. Brent Morrison made the motion to close the nominations. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and Carlos Farmer was re-appointed for another term with one abstention from Billy Baker.

The Mayor asked for a motion to allow him to enter into a memorandum of understanding with ITS the internet provider for the Piedmont Schools to put in an air-conditioning system at the armory to keep the internet and city equipment cool. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign the memorandum of understanding. John Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Billy Baker made the motion to tear down 114 McCollister Street now that all the proper procedures had been followed. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Library Board Chairman Eddie Blackwelder spoke to the council concerning the parking at the library and he also asked the council if the renovations to the library were still going to be done. Phillip Winkles from the Piedmont Rescue Squad asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider stopping the gas cards to purchase fuel for the rescue vehicles.

There were no council reports.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor thanked Billy Baker for filling in for him at the last council meeting. He thanked the city workers for cleaning up Highway 278 and the Tom Bible Highway. The Mayor also reminded everyone of the upcoming Cheaha Challenge.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.