

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

APRIL 2ND, 2013

6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in a regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Richard Freeman, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Frank Cobb and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and to also amend the minutes from February 21st, 2012 and March 6th, 2012 due to a typing error in the bills for payment. Terry Kiser seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and to amend the two other meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$253,354.57 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

In other business the Mayor asked for a motion to allow the Piedmont Health Care to apply for a grant through East Alabama Planning Commission to build a new Senior Citizens Center. Mary Bramblett made the motion for the Piedmont Health Care to apply for the grant. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the Mayor then asked for a roll call vote:

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

Following the roll call of the council the majority voted to allow Piedmont Health Care to apply for a grant to build a new Senior Citizens Center.

Terry Kiser made the motion to have visitors comments added back to the agenda allowing for three minutes for a visitor to speak. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to allow Boatner Construction to finish the final work on the Aquatic Center that would be between \$150,000.00 to \$175,000.00 and the money to finish the project would come from the 2010 A General Obligation Bond. Kenny Kelley made the motion to allow Boatner Construction to finish the work at the Aquatic Center. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions from Frank Cobb and Brenda Spears.

Interim Fire Chief Mike Ledbetter gave the fire report for the month of March, 2013. There were 29 calls for the month. 5 structure or structure related, 14 woods/grass, 1 car wreck, 3 hazmat calls (2 natural gas leaks, 1 transformer spill) and 6 service calls.

In council reports Ben Keller said that the drains on Haslem St. needed cleaning out and a fire hydrant on Draper St. was leaking. He also said that Caldwell St. needed to be paved.

Mary Bramblett had no report.

Frank Cobb said he also had paving issues in his district.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears said that a representative from Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS) would like to attend a work session to explain the RDS Program and how the city's past and present outstanding bills can be collected through a bonded, insured, and licensed company.

She stated that the council was told at last night's work session that members will receive in the council packets all revenues collected from the previous months records at the 2nd meeting of the next month.

This will make all members aware of the total money approved to be paid and how much money/revenue the city receives for the same month. Expenditures and revenues will be transparent.

She stated that Mayor Freeman informed her that if she request copies of city public records, she would be again charged \$20.00 per hour and \$1.00 per page because of the Federal Law: The Patriot Act.

She also stated that she had turned in 4 new abatement sheets to the mayor. She stated since December 21, 2012 to April 2, 2013, she had only received and turned in a total of 21 abatement reports from council members or abatement members.

Billy Baker had no report.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's comment the Mayor Freeman reminded everyone of Opening Day for baseball and softball at the Piedmont Sports Complex on April 6th, 2013. He also told everyone about the city clean-up day on April 13th, 2013.

With no other business to come before the council Mayor Freeman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.