

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

5-19-2015

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 and Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper and Brenda Spears were absent from the meeting.

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. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$396,886.69 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention by Terry Kiser.

Next April Doss asked the Council's permission to hold a roadblock to take up money for Chiari Malformation disorder that affects more than 300,000 people in the US. She asked to take up money to help fund the walk that will be held on September 19th, 2015 at the Veterans Memorial Park. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the roadblock. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2015-07 which would allow certain items to be placed on Gov Deals to be sold to the highest bidder. Frank Cobb made the motion to accept Resolution 2015-07. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2015-07 was accepted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2015-08 which would allow Alabama Power to install two street lights on Ginter Ave off of Highway 278 and the charge to the city would be \$17.50 per light a month. Mary Bramblett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-08. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and Resolution 2015-08 was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor then read a Proclamation for National Police Week & Peace Officers' Memorial Day for the week of May 10-16, 2015.

The Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of April 2015. There were 5 felony arrests, 20 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 9 drug arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, 8 court/warrant arrests. There were 95 citations written, 11 accident reports and 43 motorist assists. There were 11 violent crimes reported, 5 burglaries reported, 17 thefts reported, 24 new cases investigated and 108 incident reports. Officers initiated 1432 calls for service. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$21,298.51 in fine money for the month of April 2015.

Chief Norton then gave the report for the Piedmont Animal Control. There were 30 calls for service, 1 follow-up investigation, 27 animals picked up, 26 animals took to shelter, 22 stray animals at large, 2 surrendered by owner, 2 abandoned and 1 reclaimed at shelter by owner.

Charles McDonald gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement report for the month of April 2015. There were 43 total cases, 13 total new yard cases, 2 new house cases, 15 new cases, 9 cases being processed, 8 cases with second notice sent, 6 cases completed, 5 community service workers, and 2 contracts on buildings.

Terry Kiser made the motion to allow Charles McDonald to spend a \$20.00 fee to access information on line to get more information on property addresses. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett nominated Michael Ingram to be reappointed for the Piedmont School Board to serve another term. Ben Keller seconded the motion. Terry Kiser made the motion that the nomination be closed. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller Mary Bramblett Kenny Kelley Terry Kiser	None	Frank Cobb

Following the roll call the vote was 4 yeas and 1 abstention reappointing Michael Ingram for another term on the Piedmont School Board.

In Visitor's Comments Horace Bramblett said that the owner of the apartments on Alabama Street needed to be held responsible for the crime and activity that is going on.

Patrick Walker also complained about the apartments and said the owner needed to do something about the tenants.

Doyce White said that he did not ask for a \$10,000 check from the city to put on an Indian Festival and he would like for it to be reported corrected in the Piedmont Journal.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that the ditch on Caldwell Street needed to be cleaned out and a house on Morgan needs to be torn down.

Mary Bramblett said that she had ditches in her district that needed to be cut. She thanked Charles McDonald for his abatement work. She also thanked Pam Dempsey for starting a summer food program at the school.

Frank Cobb said James St. Gunter and Woodland Circle needed to be paved.

Kenny Kelley said Fagan St., Woodland and Dempsey Street needed paving.

Terry Kiser said he also had streets and abatement issues.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said there would be a candle light ceremony at the Veterans Park Saturday night to honor the Veterans.

He said there was a good turnout for the Venecia Butler Day and he presented the family with a key to the city and Commissioner Lee Patterson gave the family a Proclamation.

He also congratulated his wife Cynthia Baker for retiring as a school teacher for 38 years with the Piedmont School System.

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 7:04 pm.

