

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

MAY 21<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

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 Pro-Tem Frank Cobb, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Kenny Kelley, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

Mayor Freeman and Brenda Spears were absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Craig Russell and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$338,875.26 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved for payment. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next on the agenda Resolution 2013-05 was presented for consideration. The resolution allows the City of Piedmont to apply for a grant to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to refurbish the bridges on the Chief Ladiga Trail. The grant would be for \$120,000.00 with an 80/20 match. Billy Baker made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-05. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Craig Russell with the Park and Recreation Department asked the council to consider hiring a professional Arborist to look at the trees in the city to see which trees need to be removed. After some discussion by the council Terry Kiser made the motion to hire an Arborist to check the danger trees within the city. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitors comments Lisa O'Conner spoke to the council about the on street parking and also told the council that her business would be moving out of the downtown area soon.

Chief Tidwell gave the police report for April, 2013. Officers had a total of 837 contacts with the public, 9 felony arrests, 30 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI, 14 drug arrests, 4 crimes against persons, 1 theft arrest, 12 court/warrant arrests and 17 other arrests. 67 citations, 9 accident reports and 49 motorist assists for the month of April. 2 violent crimes reported, 4 burglaries reported, 11 thefts reported, 52 cases investigated, 62 incident reports and 3 meth lab sites. Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$13,806.34 for the month of April, 2013.

The Piedmont Rescue Squad reported 104 ambulance runs for the month of April, 2013.

In other business Kenny Kelley made a motion to make Billy Baker Mayor Pro-Tem. Ben Keller seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call vote Billy Baker was named Mayor Pro-Tem.

In Council comment Ben Keller said he needed potholes repaired on Hood St. and Church St. Mary Bramblett said potholes and paving needs to be done in her district on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Alabama St. Frank Cobb said some progress was being made on abatement issues and he thanked Chief Tidwell for having the prisoners pick up trash.

Kenny Kelley said he had several potholes that needed repairing and signs that needed replacing. Billy Baker said he has turned in several work orders for his district and he also had signs that need replacing.

Terry Kiser said he had talked with someone interested in opening a restaurant in the city and he also had street signs that need replacing.

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 6:53 pm.