

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT

MAY 4TH, 2010

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 Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Eddie Baldwin and Billy Baker.

Brent Morrison was absent from the meeting.

The Mayor declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation given by Keith Word 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting that was held on April 24th, 2010. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with three abstentions from Eddie Baldwin, Kenny Kelley and John Lawrence.

The bills totaling \$112,853.27 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the bills were approved with two abstentions from Eddie Baldwin and Ed Hanson.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2010-05 which states that City of Piedmont reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) annual report. Mary Bramblett made the motion to accept Resolution 2010-05. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and Resolution 2010-05 was approved unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2010-06 that would grant a tax abatement for Tennessee-Alabama Manufacturing Inc. which has announced plans for a new project located within the jurisdiction of the Granting Authority. Billy Baker made the motion to accept Resolution 2010-06 and to give the Mayor and City Clerk authority to sign any other application or project agreements with Tennessee-Alabama Manufacturing. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and Resolution 2010-06 was accepted unanimously.

Next on the agenda the Mayor asked for a motion to accept Arista which is a company that would print the utility bills in a one page format. Ed Hanson made the motion to approve contracting with Arista for the city's utility billing needs. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously.

Next on the agenda Bedford Carter who is a resident on South Main Street asked the city to reconsider cutting down three trees that the council had voted to cut down in the previous meeting. After much discussion Ed Hanson made a motion to take the issue with the trees under advisement and to see if the sidewalk could be fixed without cutting the trees down. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then called on Chief Tidwell to give the Police Report for the month of April. Officers made a total of 1,118 contacts with the public. There were 34 misdemeanor arrests, 7 felony arrests and 76 citations were issued. The Municipal Court collected \$16,373.91 for the month of April.

In other business the Mayor informed the Council that a skateboard park committee had been formed to look into the possibility of putting a skate park in so that the children would have somewhere to go since this has become a popular recreation.

The Mayor asked for a motion to transfer the insurance proceeds to the Piedmont Health Care for the roof damage that was sustained during a storm. Ed Hanson made the motion to transfer \$145,916.66 in insurance proceeds to the Piedmont Health Care for the roof damage. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention from Billy Baker. Mary Bramblett made a motion for the Mayor to enter into a contract with property owner Lindsey Graham to have an appraisal on the land at the corner of Hwy 200 and the Old Gadsden Hwy. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously.

The council had no reports.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor informed the Council that \$10,000.00 had been donated to the cemetery fund from the estate of Gordon Woody. The Mayor also informed everyone that the next council meeting would be held on the 19th of May due to the League of Municipalities meeting that the Mayor and some of the council would be attending.

With no other business to come before the council Billy Baker made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Michelle Franklin, City Clerk