

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

May 4th, 2011

5:30PM

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, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

Mayor Young 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 to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$163,352.43 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention from Ed Hanson.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-14 which is a Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Public Transportation agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation. Brent Morrison made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-14. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-15 concerning the demolition of a house on 116 Seaboard Ave. Brent Morrison made the motion to table the issue for further review. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2011-16 which would declare the houses and lot contents of three properties on Old Piedmont Gadsden Highway as surplus to be placed on Gov Deals to be sold to the highest bidder. Billy Baker made the motion to accept Resolution 2011-16. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the Agenda the Mayor asked for a motion to accept the low bid of \$501,472.20 from Insituform Technologies, Inc. to perform the work for the Piedmont Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Ed Hanson made the motion to accept the bid. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then read a Proclamation for National Nursing Home Week which will be the week of May 8 through May 14, 2011.

The Mayor called on the Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of April. Officers had 824 contacts with the public, 36 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, 1 DUI, 57 traffic

citations, 51 incident reports, 7 accident reports and 33 criminal investigations. The Municipal Court collected \$11,462.30 in court fines for the month of April.

In other business the Mayor asked for a nomination to place someone on the AMEA election committee. Brent Morrison nominated Ed Hanson. Billy Baker made the motion that the nominations be closed. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Ed Hanson was selected for the AMEA election committee by acclamation.

Billy Baker made the motion to allow the street department to purchase a used 2005 Chevrolet pick-up for \$7,600.00 with surplus funds. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried with one “no” vote from Mary Bramblett.

Brent Morrison made the motion to wave the connection fees for utilities for recent tornado victims who have lost or damaged homes. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitors comments Mrs. Johnnie Baggett expressed her concerns about how the new Benevolence Center in being operated. A citizen on South Main Street asked the council to pass an ordinance to ban “jake brakes” in the city.

In council reports John Lawrence had no report.

Mary Bramblett thanked the former food bank volunteers for the hard work they did for many years. She also thanked Lee Young for working to restore the power during the storm.

Ed Hanson also thanked the former food bank volunteers. He thanked the employees for the work during the storm.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Eddie Baldwin had no report.

Billy Baker also thanked the city workers and volunteers for work done during the storm. He thanked Keith Word for his part in the triathlon. He also thanked Mrs. Baggett and all the food bank volunteers.

Brent Morrison also echoed the other council members in thanking the former food bank volunteers for the excellent job they did for many years.

In the Mayor’s comments he asked everyone to remember Bobby Glover’s daughter Cathy who was hospitalized following the tornado. He said that 250 people used the storm shelter at the school and that he had been told that 108 students used their macbooks to stay informed about the weather. He informed everyone that Congressman Mike Rogers came to Piedmont and looked at the damage sites. He also said he would like to thank whoever got Osama Bin Laden. In closing he wished all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.