

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

5-5-2015

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, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Absent were Mary Bramblett and Brenda Spears.

Following the invocation given by Craig Russell the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. The Mayor stated that a correction needed to be made in Brenda Spears council comments concerning the amount of the bills for payment and payroll totals. He said that Mrs. Spears had the total bills and payroll at \$660,573.25 and the correct total was \$562,617.38 which is a difference of \$97,955.87. Terry Kiser made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The bills totaling \$366,485.52 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 for payment unanimously.

Next Teklinks gave the Council a proposal to upgrade the city's phone system. The estimated cost for the upgrade for all city departments was \$168,000.00. The Council agreed to discuss this further before making a decision.

In Other Business Ben Keller asked the Council to reconsider the Aquatic Concession stand so that Booker T's could put in a bid. Ben Keller then made the motion that the city runs the concession stand. With no one to second the motion the motion dies.

Terry Kiser asked if Jesse McKnight could start on the RV Park. The Mayor informed Mr. Kiser that Jesse had already been doing some work on it.

Next Mr. Doyce White gave the Council a proposal of what the upfront cost would be to do the Indian Festival next year at the Sports Complex. The cost would be \$10,000.00 and the city would help sponsor this event along with other sponsors and vendors. Mark Harper moved that the city provide the funding for the Indian Festival with proceeds coming back to the city. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Vincent Cotrell and Mr. Lee Brooks from Booker T's informed the Council that if the concession stand became available that they would be interested in running it.

In Council Reports Ben Keller asked when the lights would be installed at the Bethune Center softball field.

Frank Cobb said that there was a problem with speeding on Haslem Street.

Kenny Kelley thanked the Mayor and the Street Department for fixing the ditch at the Church of God.

Mark Harper said he would like to see an event put on by the city for the 4th of July and bring back the Sunshine Festival.

Terry Kiser had no report.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor congratulated the Piedmont boy's baseball team for making it to the elite 8 and the girl's softball team for making it to the regionals. He also congratulated the boys track and field team for coming in fourth in the state.

He reminded everyone that next week was Nursing Home Week and that there would be a Venecia Butler Day on May 16th at the gazebo.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.