

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

JUNE 16, 2015

6:00PM

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, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser. Ben Keller arrived late at 6:20 pm.

Following the invocation given by Frank Cobb and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Terry Kiser made the motion that the minutes be approved. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$240,040.14 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Frank Cobb.

Next the Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 604 which pertains to increase court fine amounts that were previously passed by the legislature. Kenny Kelley made the motion to suspend the rules for consideration of Ordinance No. 604. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk to do a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	Brenda Spears	None
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		

Following the roll call the vote was 6 to 1. Therefore, Ordinance No. 604 could not be considered due to the fact that there was not a majority vote taken.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2015-09 which is a back to school sales tax holiday on the weekend August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-09. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Norton to give the police report for the month of May, 2015. Officers had 7 felony arrests, 26 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DUI arrests, 9 Drug arrests, 11 crimes against persons arrests, 2 theft arrests, and 21 court/warrant arrests. There were 30 citations, 10 accident reports and 37 motorist assist. There were 3 violent crimes reported, 12 burglaries reported, 17 thefts reported, 27 new cases investigated and 121 incident reports. There were 2098 total contacts with the public. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$21,683.55 in fines in the month of May, 2015. The Chief then gave the Piedmont Nuisance and Abatement Report. There were 64 total cases, 14 total new yard cases, 1 new house case, 33 cases being processed, 7 cases with second notice sent, 16 cases completed, 5 community service workers and 2 court appearance.

Next the Chief gave the Piedmont Animal Control report for May. There were 14 calls for service, 18 animals picked up, 2 animals returned to owner by ACO, 16 animals took to shelter, 8 strays/animals at large, 8 surrendered by owner.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the Piedmont Fire Department report for the month of May, 2015. There were 3 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 2 automatic alarms, 2 vehicle accidents, 2 ambulance assists, 5 service calls and 1 hazardous materials call.

In Other Business the Mayor explained to the Council that board appointments could be brought up and voted on in other business.

The Mayor also said that the one acre tract of land that Piedmont Museum sits on is for sale by Norfolk Railroad for \$7,500. The city has currently been paying \$600 a year to lease and maintain the property. Terry Kiser made the motion that the city purchase the one acre tract of land. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Council Reports, Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said that streets need to be repaired in her district where the asphalt had been cut out to do water and gas work. She said that the park and recreation did well over the weekend and thanked Jeff Formby and his crew for their hard work.

Frank Cobb said he had some abatement issues on Taylor Street.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears council comments

The bills of Payment and payroll and taxes for June 2 were \$378,818.14. The Bills of Payment and payroll and taxed for June 16 were \$357,507.69. The total approval for June 2015 is \$736,325.83.

On June 2, the Council's packet for the Bills of Payment for the council's approval was missing Page 3. Page 3 had a total of \$17,230.39 that was not available for the council's review.

I have received several calls about dogs barking and disturbing neighbors and what can be done about this problem.

I am turning in paving needs for District 5 to the mayor and Lee Patterson. Included are Alabama Street from North Main Street to Fifth Avenue and Calhoun Street from South Center Avenue to South Main Street.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said the street sign was up on Cherry St. that had been requested.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor said he had spoken with Commissioner Lee Patterson and he would be coming up soon to look at roads that need paving. He thanked Dan Freeman for what he tries to do for the downtown. He said that he attended a ribbon cutting at Forever Organic. He said that he appreciated the city employees for the hard work they do especially in the heat that we have experienced lately.

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 6:55 PM.