

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

JULY 16TH, 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 Richard Freeman, Council Members Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Billy Baker and Terry Kiser.

Ben Keller was absent from the meeting.

Before the meeting began Citizen of the Month Certificates for June were given out to three districts that were not at the previous meeting. Ben Keller's Citizen of the Month for District 1 was Mrs. Kelly Carroll. Frank Cobb's Citizen of the Month for District 3 was Mr. Ray Reagan and Brenda Spears Citizen of the Month for District 5 was Mr. Gerald Whitton.

Following the invocation given by Rev. David Cox 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. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with one abstention from Brenda Spears.

The bills totaling \$316,452.78 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved for payment. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment with one "No" vote from Brenda Spears.

In council reports Mary Bramblett said she still had lots in her district that still need cutting. She said flooding had caused a lot of damage on the roads especially in the rural part of her district. She also thanked the electrical department for trimming limbs on Alabama Street.

Frank Cobb said that his district was shaping up and looking better but there were still some properties that needed cleaning up. He said he picked Roland Cronan on Taylor Street for his yard of the month. He said his yard always looks great.

Kenny Kelley said he picked Gary Johnson for his citizen of the month. He said Mr. Johnson volunteers at the Welcome Center and transports people to the doctor that don't have a vehicle. He said Mr. Johnson also contributes to the Big Oak Ranch and that he is just an all-around good man.

Brenda Spears said her District 5 July Yard of the Month was Mrs. Susan Glover at 511 South Main Street. She said her District 5 Citizen of the Month was Mr. Gerald Whitton. She said who else could accurately explain the history of Hollow Stump, Al. 1848 to Cross Plains, Al 1851 to Piedmont, Al 1888 to the present? She said that Mr. Whitton also is Piedmont's Train Museum volunteer and Piedmont's unofficial historian. She stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order, a motion must have a second before discussion and vote. Mrs. Spears stated that she would support and vote for a new utilities policy that is approved by our city attorney for the entire policy not just isolated paragraphs. She said she believes in a new policy that will help the city increase utilities revenues and will help prevent customers leaving the city with unpaid utility bills. The city must be proactive to get payments that are owed to

these departments. She said she was turning in the following work orders to Mayor Freeman concerning potholes at the side of Dr. Amy McCurdy's office facing the old nursing home, a needed street sign on the corner of Vanderbilt Street and Riddle Ave. also repairs on Calhoun Street public sidewalk and repairing the driveway entrance when the state repaved Main Street at 302 South Main Street. She also stated that she was planning to attend a League of Municipalities one day class on Wednesday, August 7 in Montgomery held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. She said she called the Embassy Suites to make reservations for the class and Ms. Franklin gave her telephone number to the manager who explained that she must register with the League, not with the hotel. The cost is \$100.00 per person and if any council member is interested in going, they could ride with her.

Billy Baker said he had an issue with a house in his district that needed to be repaired and he had spoken with the landowner and the landowner assured him that he would have the repairs made by the end of the summer. He said he had turned in some streets that need to be paved in his district.

Terry Kiser said his yard of the month was Scarlett Young on Highway 21. He said she always does a great job in her yard. He also said he had citizens in his district with abatement issues and he was hoping to get that resolved.

In the Mayor's comments he said that a lot of repairs and improvements were being made at the civic center. He said that several youth baseball teams would be going to state this week and he congratulated them. He also said that he had spoken with several landowners about cleaning up their property and that some had already started cleaning up. He told the council that if they wanted information for public records or needed to turn in work orders they needed to see him and bring it to him.

In visitor's comments Kenneth Smith from Jacksonville State University asked the city or individual council members for donations for the 2nd annual Justin Sollohub scholarship golf tournament. Justin was an Anniston Police Officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty.

Kenny Holbrooks a landlord in the city asked the council for assistance on a sewer problem he has at one of his rental properties on Craig Ave.

Kay Kisor spoke to the council about her concerns for the animal control in the city and that a qualified, caring person and that she and other animal lovers could form a group to help with the feeding, watering and walking of the dogs when they are placed in the animal pen.

With no other business to come before the council Billy Baker made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.