

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT

JULY 7, 2015

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 Bill Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser. Mary Bramblett was absent from the meeting.

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

The bills totaling \$399,066.54 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one "no" vote by Brenda Spears.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Ordinance 604 which pertains to increased fines for the Municipal Court. This was the second time the Ordinance had been presented to the Council. Brenda Spears made the motion to adopt Ordinance 604. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the Clerk did a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call Ordinance 604 was adopted unanimously by the Council.

The Mayor then called on Dr. Ben Ingram to speak to the Council about moving the Robert's House behind the Piedmont Museum. Dr. Ingram presented several requests for the Council to consider upon the relocation of the house. Frank Cobb made the motion that the house be moved to the location behind the Piedmont Museum pending the purchase of the property by the city. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Following the roll call a unanimous vote was cast to allow the relocation of the home pending the purchase by the city.

Charles McDonald asked the Council's permission to use community workers to cut grass on abatement properties and then put a lien on the property. Kenny Kelley made the motion to allow Charles McDonald to use community workers to clean up properties and then put a lien on the property. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In Other Business Electrical Superintendent Casey Ponder asked the Council to purchase two new regulators for the substation after the regulators were destroyed due to a squirrel causing a fire, and three used regulators to have as backups. The cost of the two new regulators will be \$32,000.00 but all but \$5,000.00 will be covered by the city's insurance. The three used regulators will be purchased from Sylacauga at \$5,000.00 a piece. Frank Cobb made the motion to approve the purchase of the regulators. Mark Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mark Harper asked that we contact the city attorney about selling a portion of the property to the Historical Society for the Roberts House.

In Council Reports, Ben Keller had no report.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears Council Comments:

The Bills of Payment for council tonight is \$399,066.54. The payroll and taxes for June 19 was \$60,523.49; June 26 payroll and taxes was \$65,019.68; payroll and taxes for July 2 was \$58,540.74. The total council's approval is \$583,150.45.

Thanks to the Piedmont Rescue Squad and EMS for their donation to the Piedmont Police Department for eleven body cameras for officers. The cameras were paid for through the squad's general fund.

Thank you Phillip Winkles.

Thank you for a job well done by the Electric Department in getting the power restored in a timely manner on Saturday, June 20.

I voted for Resolution 604. The Alabama Code limits the amount that may be charged by a municipality for certain offenses and it seems that our proposed ordinance is allowed by state law.

The mayor needs to call a work session to discuss the Audit turned in by Sanders & Associates on June 16, 2015.

The mayor needs to call a work session for the 2015-2016 budget and have input from the council.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser said he had some abatement issues in his district and he also asked the Mayor to help with some paving on South 5th Ave.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor thanked the electrical department and the police department for the quick response to the power outage on June, 20th.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2015-10 which would allow the city to receive funds from the BP settlement in the amount of \$28,295.00. Ben Keller made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-10. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then informed the Council that there were some changes to bingo that needed to run in the Piedmont Journal for the next four weeks before going back to the legislative session for consideration. The changes are a 10% adjusted gross for the charity after the prize money. Also the prize amount is proposed to be raised to 5 million a week. Terry Kiser made the motion to run the changes in the Piedmont Journal for the next four weeks. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to come before the Council Ben Keller made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.