

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 19TH, 2014
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, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Brenda Spears was absent from the meeting.

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

The bills totaling \$483,281.02 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ben Keller made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried with two abstentions from Terry Kiser and Frank Cobb.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2014-10 which would authorize the City of Piedmont to enter into an agreement to renew the Anniston/Calhoun County Home Consortium Agreement. Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-10. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and Resolution 2014-10 was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2014-11 which would authorize and approve execution of a contract with Bancorpsouth Equipment Finance for the purchase of the new knuckle boom truck for the city street department. Frank Cobb made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-11. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the Resolution 2014-11 was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for consideration of Resolution 2014-12 which would be an Act in the Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature that would provide the city with the opportunity to grant a one-time lump sum payment for city retirees who retired prior to October 1, 2013 and it would be in the amount of \$22,700.00. Kenny Kelley made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-12. Mark Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention from Terry Kiser.

The Mayor called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of July 2014. Officers had 815 total contacts with the public. There were 3 felony arrests, 21 misdemeanor arrests, 1 drug arrest, 1 crime against persons arrest, 1 theft arrest, 7 court/warrant arrests. 16 traffic citations, 3 accident reports and 15 motorist assists. 8 burglaries reported, 15 thefts reported, 67 cases investigated and 65 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$11,205.04 in fine money for the month of July 2014.

Chief Tidwell also gave the Animal control report for the month of July 2014.

There were 14 calls for service, 2 preliminary investigations, 2 follow-up investigations, 68 animals picked up, 4 animals returned to owner by ACO, 64 animals taken to the shelter, 20 strays, 43 surrendered by owner, 1 abandoned and 2 reclaimed at the shelter by owner.

Charles McDonald gave the abatement report for the month of July 2014.

There were 58 cases, 3 new yard cases, 1 new house case, 4 total new cases, 10 cases being processed, 3 cases with second notice sent and 18 cases completed/properties in compliance current month.

The Mayor then called on Chief Ledbetter to give the fire report for the month of July 2014. There were 2 vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 hazardous material, 4 automatic alarms and 5 service calls.

In Other Business Terry Kiser mentioned that the employee health insurance would be increasing. He also said that the Council needed to look at purchasing some new police cars.

In Visitor's Comments Reda Nickerson asked the Council to repair Heritage Drive. Barry Perry asked that there be more enforcement of the Jake Brake Ordinance that was passed. He said that tickets need to be written for this on Main Street.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett said the grass needed to be cut behind the armory.

Frank Cobb said that he had complaints about speeding on Southern Avenue and dirt bikes.

Kenny Kelley reminded everyone about the Cruise In Friday night downtown starting at 5:00 pm.

Mark Harper had no report.

Terry Kiser thanked Jesse McKnight and the Water and Gas crew for getting the water problem fixed on Highway 9.

In the Mayor's Comments the Mayor said that he and Former Mayor Rick Freeman were going to Oxford and try to meet with Congressman Mike Rogers about getting a VA Clinic or VA hospital in Piedmont. The Mayor told the Council that he would do a second letter of support for the VA Clinic on behalf of the Council.

He also said he attended the Booster Club Kick-Off and said it was very good.

He congratulated Kenny Kelley for earning his Advanced CMO training.

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.