

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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 Pro-Tem Billy Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears and Terry Kiser.

Mayor Freeman was absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Rev. David Cox and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes was 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 \$134,660.06 were then presented for consideration for payment. Terry Kiser made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one "no" vote from Brenda Spears and on abstention from Frank Cobb.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked for consideration of Resolution 2013-11 which would allow the police department to declare three unused vehicles surplus. Frank Cobb made the motion to accept Resolution 2013-11. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the resolution was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked for consideration of Resolution 2013-12 which allows the City of Piedmont to enter into a contract with the Etowah County Animal Control Shelter for the purpose of impounding animals. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-12. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and resolution carried with one "no" vote from Mary Bramblett.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker then asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 599 which would allow for an annexation of property in the name of Willie and Wanda Gamble located at 88 Prater Lane. Frank Cobb made the motion that the rules be suspended for immediate consideration of Ordinance 599. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	None	None
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Pro-Tem Baker		

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 599. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Ordinance 599. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller		
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Kenny Kelley		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Pro-Tem Baker		

Following the roll call vote Ordinance 599 was adopted unanimously.

Next on the agenda Mr. Laeman Butcher spoke to the council about the Christmas decorations and scenes that the city received from Dadeville, Al. Mr. Butcher said that the scenes were built in 1987 and that 20 scenes were used. It is a drive thru and takes about 15 minutes to go through. He said that each scene would need a sponsor and the fee would be \$50.00 per scene. The proposed plan is to put the Christmas scenes at the Piedmont Sports Complex.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker then called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of July 2013. Officers had a total of 728 contacts with the public. There were 3 felony arrests, 42 misdemeanor arrests, 2 DUI arrests, 8 drug arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 1 theft arrest, 20 court/warrant arrests. 19 traffic citations were issued, 4 accident reports and 40 motorist assists. 1 violent crime reported, 8 burglaries reported, 9 thefts reported, 56 cases investigated and 59 incident reports. 202 calls were dispatched for rescue and 15 fire calls were dispatched. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$19,928.96 in fines for the month of July 2013.

Rescue Squad Chief Phillip Winkles gave the rescue squad report for the month of July 2013. There were 117 total calls for ambulance runs. Average run times were enroute 1 minute and 23 seconds and to scene time was 3 minutes and 14 seconds.

In council reports Ben Keller said that the pothole between Raceway and Piedmont Outdoors that was on city property needed to be repaired. He also made a motion to schedule a work session on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 pm. at the council chambers. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Bramblett said she was still working to get some grown up lots cut in her district. She said she also still had several abatement issues.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears said she was turning in to the Mayor four abatement sheets for South Main Street, Calhoun Street, and Woolf Avenue; a ditch concern on Burns Street; a pole and sign for the intersection of Riddle and Montview. She said on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the council voted to have revenues and actuals included on council packets the first meeting of the month for the previous month. July 2013 revenues were not in our August 6 nor August 20 packets. Why not? Also, on March 19, 2013, the council voted to have approved council minutes on the city's website within five working days after the meeting for citizens who cannot attend council meetings. July 2, July 16, and August 6 minutes have not been posted in this time frame. Why not? She said she is also asking for a work session with CPA Joan Sanders before our September 3 or September 17 council meeting to review information from the September 30, 2012 audit. She also said she was asking for a work session with a representative from Municode before our September 3 or September 17 council meeting to review updates from 2008 to the present and the costs to update our book of Piedmont's Resolutions and Ordinances to help all council members be better informed for city and downtown issues and citizens' concerns. She said she was asking that my monthly paycheck to be mailed with a city return address the same day city employees checks are issued. She said she is turning in five requests to Mayor Freeman for public information records dated August 20, 2013. She said she wants to thank the Mayor for his help to receive this information in a timely manner along with ALM Ken Smith.

Terry Kiser said he was turning abatements to Mayor Freeman. He also said the Public Safety Committee would be meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 12:30 at the Council Chambers. He asked Carl Hinton for the status of the swimming pool. Mr. Hinton said the water was in the pool and the salt had been added and they are looking to do a final walk through at the end of this month. He asked Jessie McNight the Water and Gas Superintendent about the water lines on Hwy 9. Mr. McNight said that the rain had slowed down the process but the material was in stock to do the job.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker said he continues to turn in abatement issues and signs that need replacing. He said he and Ben Keller has been working with Commissioner Rudy Abbott to get the softball and baseball field done at the Bethune Center.

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked the council members to bring their Citizen of the Month people up to present them with their certificates. Mary Bramblett had two picks for her Citizen of the Month for district two. First was Mr. Joey Spivey she said he does a lot with his youth at his church and is out cutting peoples grass to help them out and she thanked him for all he does for the city. Next was Ms. Hazel Steed. Mrs. Bramblett said that Ms. Steed worked for the Piedmont Rescue Squad many years ago. She said she also cooks food for many families that need it. She said she does a lot for people and she wanted her to know how much she was appreciated.

Terry Kiser said his yard of the month was Ms. Martin in Westwood Subdivision and Mr. Larry Wilkes was his Citizen of the month.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker said his Citizen of the Month was Larry and Jane Gowens for district six. He said they are very involved in the Piedmont Educational Trust and they are involved in the Piedmont sporting events.

In visitors comments Mr. Hop Buttram complained about the noise and the boom boxes playing loud in his neighborhood and he said he had complained numerous times to the police department and he would like something done about this.

Mr. Wallace spoke to the council about the same issue with the noise problem on his street and he said he had been trying to get something done for the past couple of years.

Mr. Ronnie Norton asked the council to look at the possibility for stores to be able to sell alcohol on Sundays.

With no other business to come before the council Frank Cobb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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Michelle Franklin, City Clerk