

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
AUGUST 21, 2012

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Brian Young, Council Members John Lawrence, Mary Bramblett, Ed Hanson, Kenny Kelley, Diane Studdard, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

Mayor Young declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation 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. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$435,451.64 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one abstention from Brent Morrison.

The Mayor asked for immediate consideration of Ordinance 597 which is an amendment to Ordinance 554 pertaining to parking on city streets. Ordinance 597 put fines in place for parking on the streets. Billy Baker made the motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Ordinance 597. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
John Lawrence	none	none
Mary Bramblett		
Ed Hanson		
Kenny Kelley		
Diane Studdard		
Billy Baker		
Brent Morrison		
Mayor Young		

Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 597. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and Ordinance 597 was adopted unanimously.

Billy Baker made the motion to a transfer of an ABC retail beer and a retail table wine license for the Country Corner on 101 Shady Grove Road. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor made the announcement that the library hours on Tuesday and Thursday would change from 8 to 5 with a recommendation of the library board.

In other business the Mayor announced a new Industrial Resin Recycling industry coming to Piedmont at the old 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Springs Building. He said that the company was asking for an abatement of taxes such as sales, non-educational, use tax, property tax and mortgage and recording tax. Ed Hanson made the motion to grant an abatement of taxes to Industrial Resin Recycling. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to pay no more than \$30,000.00 in expenses to upgrade the utilities at the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Springs Plant to have it up to code for the new business moving in. Brent Morrison made the motion to allow the upgrade expenses. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In visitor's comments Trudy Loy asked that the abatement committee do something about the grown up lot next to her business on Ladiga St.

Roxanne Sims informed the council that they were going to buy property in downtown Piedmont to start an organic garden.

Danny Freeman told the council that the downtown events would be starting back up such as the Country Fair, Downtown Trick or Treat and other events coming in the fall.

In council reports John Lawrence said he was excited for the new business coming to town.

Mary Bramblett thanked Mayor Young for his hard work in getting the new business to the city.

Ed Hanson said he appreciated the City of Piedmont and the good productive meeting that was held tonight.

Kenny Kelley said he was very happy about the new business and about starting up the downtown events again.

Diane Studdard thanked Don Hopper for helping get the new business to the city and also thanked Roxanne for moving her organic garden downtown.

Billy Baker thanked the SGA for conducting the political forum.

Brent Morrison thanked the Mayor for all his hard work in getting the new industry to the city.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor informed the council that the trail paving should be started by Monday. He thanked the SGA and all of the ones involved in doing the forum for the candidates. He gave his condolences to the families of Mayor George Hendrix and Commissioner James "Pappy" Dunn.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn. Diane Studdard seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.