

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT  
SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 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 and Terry Kiser.

Mark Harper and Brenda Spears were absent from the meeting.

Following the invocation given by Rev. Matt Turner and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Frank Cobb said that he should have abstained at the last meeting on the bills for payment due to a bill that was paid to his place of employment and asked that this be recorded in the minutes. Mary Bramblett made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$336,226.30 were then presented for consideration for payment. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

Next the Mayor called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of August 2014. There were 898 total contacts with the public, 9 felony arrests, 27 misdemeanor arrests, 7 drug arrests, 3 crimes against persons arrests, 11 court/warrant arrests and 16 other arrests. There were 48 traffic citations, 9 accident reports and 17 motorist assists. There were 10 burglaries reported, 14 thefts reported, 56 cases investigated and 68 incident reports. The Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$12,797.07 in fine money for the month of August 2014.

The Chief then gave the ACO Report for the month of August 2014. There were 10 work orders, 31 calls for service, 4 preliminary investigations, 1 follow-up investigation, 53 animals picked up, 3 animals returned to owner, 50 animals took to shelter, 35 strays, 6 surrendered by owner, 9 abandoned and 1 reclaimed at shelter by owner.

Abatement Officer Charles McDonald gave the Nuisance and Abatement Report for the month of August 2014. There were 48 total cases, 8 total new yard cases, 8 total cases, 11 cases being processed, 3 cases with second notice sent and 13 cases completed.

Chief Ledbetter gave the Piedmont Fire Department report for the month of August 2014. There were 20 fire calls, 2 structure fires and 9 vehicle accidents. He said that engine 4 which is a 2007 KME fire truck had broken down several times. Chief Ledbetter said that it had two seats and it didn't fit the needs of the department anymore since they had more personnel. He said the truck has been a problem since it was purchased. He asked that the Council declare this truck as surplus and sell it and then purchase another truck with the money from the sale of the truck. Terry Kiser made the motion to declare the 2007 KME Fire Truck as surplus and use the money from the sale to purchase another truck. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Frank Cobb.

In Other Business Terry Kiser said the Mayor received a list of 94 work orders from someone and he asked that in the future if someone knew of needs in his district to let him know instead of typing a list up and not signing it.

In Council Reports Ben Keller had no report.

Mary Bramblett thanked the Street, Fire, Police and Electrical Departments for coming out at midnight and working after a tree had fallen in her district.

Frank Cobb had no report.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Terry Kiser thanked Charles McDonald for the job he is doing with abatement.

In the Mayor's Comment the Mayor announced an Old Fashion Country Fair that will be held downtown on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

He also said he had been in negotiations with a company that would like to bring in around 28 18 wheelers to park on the 10 acres that the city owns and pay the city for the use of the lot.

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 6:31 pm.