

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2010

5:30PM

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, Eddie Baldwin, Billy Baker and Brent Morrison.

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

Following the invocation given by Keith Word and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Billy Baker made the motion that the minutes be approved with one correction on Mary Bramblett's council report. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$476,466.64 were then presented for consideration for payment. Ed Hanson made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment unanimously.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 587 which would give the Piedmont Health Care Authority the right to refund and refinance their bonds at the Health Care Boards approval. Ed Hanson made the motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 587. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAHS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
John Lawrence		
Mary Bramblett		
Ed Hanson		
Kenny Kelley		
Eddie Baldwin		
Billy Baker		
Brent Morrison		
Mayor Young		

Brent Morrison made the motion to adopt Ordinance 587. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and Ordinance 587 was adopted with one abstention from Billy Baker.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 588 which also pertains to the Piedmont Health Care Authority having the right to refund and refinance their bonds. Brent Morrison made the motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 588. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

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John Lawrence
Mary Bramblett
Ed Hanson
Kenny Kelley
Eddie Baldwin
Billy Baker
Brent Morrison
Mayor Young

Ed Hanson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 588. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and Ordinance 588 was adopted with one abstention from Billy Baker.

Next on the agenda Brent Morrison made the motion to relocate the test well to any location on city owned property that the geologist deemed to be an appropriate location to dig. Billy Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to enter into a contract with East Alabama to continue the public transportation for the City of Piedmont. Mary Bramblett made the motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with East Alabama for the purpose of public transportation. Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called on Chief Tidwell to give the police report for the month of August 2010. Officers made a total of 1,057 contacts with the public during the month. During the month officers made 37 misdemeanor arrests, 5 felony arrests and issued 107 citations. Of those arrests, 3 were for DUI and 5 were for drug offenses.

For the month of August the Piedmont Municipal Court collected \$22,514.00.

The Chief also explained to the council that McDonald's have went up on their prices for inmate breakfast meals. He said he had tried to get bids from a couple of surrounding restaurants and McDonald's was the only restaurant to provide the service. At this time Kenny Kelley made the motion to accept the bid from McDonald's to pay \$2.50 per meal for inmate breakfast meals. Brent Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

In other business the Mayor informed the council that Bostrom Seating had paid off their bond debt a few years early and that the Industrial Development Board would need to meet before the end of the month to sign deeds over to Bostrom Seating. The Mayor said that three vacancies needed to be filled in order for the board to meet. At this time Brent Morrison nominated Dr. Eddie Blackwelder whose term would expire in 2014. Billy Baker seconded the nomination. Mary Bramblett nominated Bobby Hardin whose term would expire in 2015. Billy Baker seconded the nomination. Ed Hanson nominated Keith Word whose term would expire in 2015. Brent Morrison made the motion to close the nominations. Eddie Baldwin seconded the motion and all new members were appointed unanimously.

Next the council discussed a new recycling center that wants to locate at the old Willis Lumber Company on the Old Centre Highway. After some discussion the council decided to hold a public hearing on October 5th, 2010 at 5:30pm for the public to voice their opinions on this matter.

In Council reports John Lawrence had no report.

Mary Bramblett said how impressed she was with the MPower program at the school.

Ed Hanson had no report.

Kenny Kelley thanked Chief Tidwell for the tour that he gave to the council and also for all the improvements to the building.

Eddie Baldwin also spoke about how impressive the MPower program was at the school. He said he was thrilled to see all the children working on their new laptops.

Billy Baker had no report.

Brent Morrison had no report.

In the Mayor's comments the Mayor thanked JSU for their hospitality at the opening home ballgame. He also thanked the firefighters for all their hard work with the recent outbreak of fires in the area.

With no other business to come before the council Brent Morrison made the motion to adjourn.

Ed Hanson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.