

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF PIEDMONT
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 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.

The invocation was given by Keith Word followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Baker recognized the Girls 10 & under softball team and coaches for their season. Park and Recreation Director Jeff Formby presented them with medals. The AAA Dixie Youth 10 & under Boys baseball team and coaches were then recognized for their season. Each player was presented with a medal.

The minutes were presented for consideration. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$367,287.47 were then presented for consideration for payment. Frank Cobb made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the bills were approved with one "no" vote from Brenda Spears.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker asked for a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 600 which would allow for an annexation of property in the name of Phillip J. Winkles located at 201 Overland Drive. Terry Kiser made the motion that the rules be suspended for immediate consideration of Ordinance 600. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller		
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 600. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Ordinance 600. Ben Keller 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		

Mary Bramblett said she still has one or two lots that are grown up that need to be cut. She also said there were many potholes that need to be filled as well as drainage ditches that need to be cleaned out.

Frank Cobb said there are grown up lots on Taylor Street. He thinks it is time some ordinances are enforced and people are made to cut grass. All that has been done is talk and it's time to let people know that the City can issue a citation for violation of abatement laws.

Kenny Kelley said he was told by a resident about a water leak on Wagon Road and one at the middle school. There is a ditch next to Chief Tidwell's house that floods his yard when it rains that needs to be fixed.

Brenda Spears asked again for the City's CPA, Joan Sanders, to come to a public hearing work session or council meeting to review her September 30, 2012 audit to the council as soon as possible. She said Mrs. Sanders had not returned her call from Thursday, August 26th, and questioned why should there be a problem about openness of information from a paid, council appointed CPA. She asked again for a work session or council meeting with a representative from Municode as soon as possible to discuss the cost of updating Piedmont's Code Book for Resolutions and Ordinances from 2008 to the present.

Stating it is very important for all council members, especially the four newest ones, to answer questions asked by citizens on a daily basis concerning parking, leash laws, curfews, noise nuisance, abatement and high grass. She then announced a Brenda Spears "Meet and Greet" at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 8, at 6PM, to review her first year as District 5 Council member with time for questions and answers from the audience. Everyone will be invited to attend, not just citizens from District 5. She then explained that the August 20th minutes did not reflect her concerns from the August 6th account balances for the cemetery fund savings account that show \$42,723.59 from the last council meeting in May to \$0.00 account balance on August 6th. The Cemetery Board has three current council appointed members. Code of Alabama 11-46-101 states that council awareness and approval is required for this account to closed or depleted. We were not aware of the Mayor's actions to do this. She is turning in her citizen of the month and yard of the month for the next council meeting on September 17th. She asked if the signs would be different for yard of the month. Per Carl Hinton, Council Members are to use the same signs from last month. She then turned in a nuisance abatement for Alabama Street, one utility concern on Riddle Avenue, a street sign for the corner of Alabama Street and Fifth Avenue, and street paving from 206 South Fifth Avenue to 218 South Fifth Avenue.

Terry Kiser has turned in several abatement concerns and agrees with council member Frank Cobb. The ordinances need to be enforced. He thanked council members Bramblett, Baker, and Kelley for their help with the Cruise-In downtown event on August 23rd.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker expressed his concern with abatement issues and potholes.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Baker thanked Dan Freeman for all he does to help Piedmont grow. We are here to work together and move forward.

After some discussion about the garbage truck, Mary Bramblett made a motion to pay \$10,000.00 to repair the automated garbage truck. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and it passed with one "no" vote from Brenda Spears.

Brenda Spears was given time to discuss issues that she has concerning Joan Sanders as well as adding other business to the agenda. She then made a motion to have Joan Sanders come to a meeting to discuss the audit. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as follows:

Brenda Spears made a motion to put other business back on the agenda. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was as followed:

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

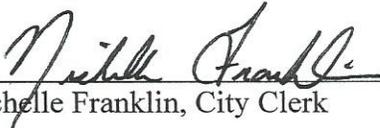
Following the roll call vote the motion carried to put other business back on the agenda.

In visitors comments Roxanna Sims voiced her concerns about the Mayor, City Clerk, Council Members and various city operations. David Clark discussed The Learning Farm project and lack of assistance it has received from this administration. Venecia Butler requested streets be blocked for a 5K run to benefit the V Foundation on October 5th.

Terry Kiser made a motion that the V Foundation be approved to have a 5K run on October 5th, 2013. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David Pressley discussed a ditch located a 120 Burns Street that is in need of repair. Vincent Cottrell thanked Council Members Spears, Kiser, and Cobb for the meeting on August 27th. Eddie Morgan talked about a car on blocks on Caton Street. Robbie Schoonhoven complained about the sewer problems at his rental property and sewer charges. Mrs. Threat voiced her concern about the bills being due on the 10th.

With no other business to come before the council Frank Cobb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.


Michelle Franklin, City Clerk

AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES:

A TYPING ERROR WAS MADE ON THE SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2013 MINUTES ON THE COUNCIL COMMENTS FOR BRENDA SPEARS. THE SENTENCE "AFTER THE AUGUST 27TH COUNCIL WORK SESSION, MR. BAKER TOLD ME TO CONTACT MS. SANDERS ABOUT A CONVENIENT TIME AND DATE TO ANSWER AUDIT QUESTIONS" WAS OMITTED. ALSO IN MRS. SPEARS COUNCIL COMMENTS, THE CODE OF AL 11-46-101 SHOULD HAVE BEEN CODE OF AL 11-43-101. AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1ST, 2013.