

**AGENDA SUMMARY – MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Tuesday, May 27, 2014 6:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson, Councilman Robert Simpson

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Attorney Mike Segler, City Engineer Pat Garrett, Police Chief Alex Oblien, Fire Chief Andy Logan and Secretary Mary Ramsey

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Valerie Thomerson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith called roll. A quorum was present and approximately 20 people in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** – Flag Salute was led by Attorney Mike Segler.
4. **INVOCATION** – Invocation was led Citizen Jerry Dickerson.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.
 - a. Appointment of Vice Mayor (Mayor Pro-Tem)
 - b. Appointment of two (2) Board of Adjustment members.
 - c. Appointment of one (3) Library Municipal Board member.
 - d. Appointment of two (2) Park and Recreation Board members.
 - e. Appointment of one (1) Planning Commission members.
 - f. Appointment of two (2) Library Authority Trust members.
 - g. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on April 22, 2014.
 - h. Approval of agreement between the City of Piedmont and Crawford & Associates, P.C. for accounting and consulting services.
 - i. Approval of contract for Audit services with HBC for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.
 - j. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).
 - k. Recognition/Approval of April 2014 Financial Statements.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made motion to approve item k of the Consent Agenda. Motion was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked for item d from Consent Agenda to be pulled.

Councilman Donnie Robinson asked for item a-f of the Consent Agenda to be pulled.

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked for item g-j of the Consent Agenda to be pulled.

a. Appointment of Vice Mayor (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Mayor Valerie Thomerson made a motion to appointment current Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Coffman to Vice Mayor.

Councilman Albert Gliemann made a motion to nominated Councilman Donnie Robinson to Vice Mayor.

Councilman Bobby Williamson asked how the position of Vice Mayor is chosen. Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained it is a nomination of the Mayor.

Councilman Robert Simpson asked Councilman Donnie Robinson if he wanted to be nominated to Vice Mayor?

Councilman Donnie Robinson explained he did not care either way.

Motion to accept Councilman Donnie Robinson as Vice Mayor dies due to lack of a second.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked Council to put out a name.

Councilman Robert Simpson made a motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman to position of Vice Mayor. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Bobby Williamson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem

Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

B. Appointment of two (2) Board of Adjustment members
Mayor Valerie Thomerson nominated Citizen Louis Dickerson to serve another 3 year term. Mrs. Dickerson has served on this Board for 20 years.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to appoint Louis Dickerson to serve on the Board of Adjustments for a 3 year term. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained that she would like to wait on the second nomination to the Board of Adjustment. She would like to increase community involvement by opening the position up to the community and accept resumes. There are no pressing items currently in front of this board so waiting a month or two will not create a conflict.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to continue the Appointment for the 2 year term. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Bobby Williamson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

c. Appointment of one (3) Library Municipal Board member.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson nominates Shelia Urton, Bruce Campbell, Ben Oldham to continue serving on the Library Board each serving an additional 3 years term.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to accept all 3 nominates for 3 year terms. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem

Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

d. Appointment of two (2) Park and Recreation Board members.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson nominates Nick Kittridge, Melissa Ashford and Mary Smith to the Park and Recreation Board. Mayor noted Mary Smith does not live in the actual town of Piedmont but lives very close.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked which board member resigned. City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained Amy Hiron resigned her position and (2) positions remain open.

City Attorney Mike Segler made note that there is an error in the agenda. The Agenda is showing (2) nominations. The agenda was posted so only (2) board members can be nominated at this time.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained that the Agenda is incorrect there should be (3) nominations. She will bring the nomination for Mary Smith back at next months meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to nominate Nick Kidridge and Melissa Ashford to the Park and Recreation Board. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

e. Appointment of one (1) Planning Commission members.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson nominated Steve Morris as a member of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to nominate Steve Morris as member of the Planning Commission. Motion was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

City Attorney Mike Segler brought it to the Mayor's attention that the Agenda is incorrect and is showing only (1) member is to be nominated. Since the Agenda was posted only (1) member can be nominated and the other member will have to be brought back during next month City Council meeting.

Councilman Albert Gliechman who resigned from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained the remaining open position is Commissioner Mike Bell.

Councilman Donnie Robinson explained that he is moving out of the City of Piedmont.

- f. Appointment of two (2) Library Authority Trust members.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson nominates John Bickerstaff and Barbara Johnson to the Library Authority Trust. Library Authority remains together until all of the Library funds are spent; once all of the funds have been spent the Library Authority will no longer be needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to nominate John Bickerstaff and Barbara Johnson to the Library Authority Trust. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliechmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

- g. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on April 22, 2014.

Councilman Albert Gliechmann asked for the discussion on Business item 10e.

- e. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RELINQUISH A BOX UTILITY TRAILER (VIN# 47ZUB16297X48158) REMOVED FROM 912 ASH NE, IN PIEDMONT, OK TO MR.D.W. FREEMAN.

Be added to minutes.

Discussion was overlooked by Secretary Mary Ramsey and minutes from the April 28, 2014 City Council meeting will be resubmitted during the June 2014 City Council meeting

Councilman Albert Gliechmann made a motion to table item g. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on April 22, 2014 and bring item back at the June 2014 City

City Manager Jim Crosby suggested sending the auditor out for advertising, interview and bring item back to the Council. However, go ahead with approval of this item.

Councilman Donnie Robinson asked if both firms are currently paid up to date.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained Lonnie Heim – yes is paid because she only works with them once a year. Crawford & Associates – no because she works with them monthly and their invoices are ongoing.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman said there is something to be said for continuity.

Councilman Donnie Robinson **seconded** motion.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann

NAYE: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

Motion Fails

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to approved Crawford & Associate contract as written.

Motion dies due to lack of **second**.

Councilman Robert Simpson made a motion to approve Crawford & Associates contract for this fiscal year and then go out for bid for the following fiscal year. Councilman Bobby Williamson **seconded** motion.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Bobby Williamson, Councilman Albert Gliemann and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman,

- i. Approval of contract for Audit services with HBC for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.

Councilman Albert Gliemann made a motion to not approve the contract of Audit Services with HBC for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Motion fails due to lack of second.

Councilman Robert Simpson made a motion to approve HBC audit contract for this

fiscal year and then go out for bid the following fiscal year.

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked why item is so late getting on Agenda.

City Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Smith explained we do this each year at the same time in preparation for the upcoming year.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: Councilman Albert Gliemann, and Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman

- j. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked about Express Employees, they are getting paid \$22 per hour, is that cheaper than paying benefits.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained one of the employees will come onto City of Piedmont payroll within the next 30 days. The other employee is covering a maturity leave.

Asked about Codification services. This expense is for preparation of codes book.

Fire Truck tires big expense.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve item j. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS - Topics to include those items *not listed in the agenda*.

Citizen Vernon Woods addressed Council and asked if there is any reason why the budget that is on tonight's Agenda could not have been put out on-line for the public to read in advance of the City Council meeting?

Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained that this time in the meeting is not the appropriate time to ask questions. If he had a statement he would like to make, he was welcome to do so.

Council meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

- h. Approval of agreement between the City of Piedmont and Crawford & Associates, P.C. for accounting and consulting services.

Councilman Albert Gliemann has concerns with Crawford & Associates, P.C. he gave the audit report and that is a red flag. When you accountant gives the audit report that is against every principal I have ever heard of.

City Treasurer/ Clerk explained that the City asked Crawford & Associates to give the report. Crawford does a better job explaining the performance of the City then the auditor Lonnie Heim.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the City Treasurer felt Crawford & Associates could do a better job explaining the audit and how cost are associated with how well the City is performing. Crawford & Associates is the firm that prepared the Performeter. Lonnie Heim is the auditor who conducted the audit. Jim offered to have Lonnie come and present the audit separately.

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked how long Lonnie Heim has has been doing the audit? He also asked how long the City has been working with Crawford & Associates?

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained she works with Crawford & Associates everyday and has worked with them for the past 5 to 7 years. She works with Lonnie Heim the auditor once a year for the audit and has for the past 5 to 7 years.

Councilman Albert Gliemann said that is too long to have a relationship with an auditor and the City is asking for trouble.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman commented that if it is working why change it. He has met with Crawford & Associates and Lonnie Heim they were both knowable and able to answer all questions asked.

Councilman Albert Gliemann made a motion to not renew Crawford & Associates contract.

Councilman Robert Simpson asked what the procedure is for changing the auditor. It is important to change the auditor periodically

Citizen Vernon Woods Why is the budget not online? He also stated the City had the responsibility to inform the public. It would have been no big deal to post the budget out on line so the public could see the item before the meeting.

Also, he made a statement that Crawford & Associates is not an auditor, they are a 3rd party consultant firm, and they have no business telling the City if they are doing their auditing correctly. Their job is to tell the City how much money they have. Auditors are to tell the City what accounting principles are not being done properly. Also, Vernon Woods is astounded to find out that HBC did not have the ability to communicate their findings of the audit. FOLKS, You are hiring the wrong people!!!!

8. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE 2014-2015 CITY OF PIEDMONT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Mayor Valerie Thomerson opened Public Hearing 7:09p.m. She asked if there were any additional comments. Nothing Heard.

Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS –**

a. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 05-27-2014A OF THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN FEES FOR WATER, SANITARY SEWER AND REFUSE COLLECTION.**

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman explained the need to increase the water rate. Oklahoma City is increasing their water rates and the increase in the rate is being passed onto the consumer.

Councilman Donnie Robinson asked about winter rates. City Manager Jim Crosby explained winter rates will not be affected.

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked if a letter to the Citizen has been mailed out.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained letter has been approved, waiting on rate increase to be approved during tonight's City Council meeting.

Councilman Donnie Robinson thought the letter to the Citizens was going out before the vote was placed on the Agenda. He thinks the vote to increase rates

should wait until the letter has been mailed to the Citizens and the Citizens are well informed.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the budget cannot be approved until water rate increase has been voted on and approved.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to wait on item, mail letters to Citizens and bring item back in two weeks as a special meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

- b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 600 WHICH PROVIDES AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, OKLAHOMA BY ADDING A NEW SECTION IMPOSING A TECHNOLOGY FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00) TO BE ASSESSED ON EVERY CITATION DISPOSED IN MUNICIPAL COURT, EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE VOIDED, DECLINED FOR PROSECUTION, DISMISSED WITHOUT COSTS, OR THE DEFENDANT IS ACQUITTED.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve item 10b. Motion was **seconded** Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman.

Councilman Albert Gliemann asked if the \$15 fee will be earmarked funds.

City Attorney Mike Segler explained the funds can be used on any data processing systems, ticketing systems, and computers. The funds are not specific to one item.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

- c. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A JOINT RESOLUTION NO 05-27-2014B APPROVING THE CITY OF PIEDMONT'S THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY'S AND PIEDMONT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AUTHORITY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, STARTING JULY 1, 2014, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2015.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson pulled item 10c due to the lack of passing the water rate increase Business item 9a. Budgets will change if water rate increase is not passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Unplanned Items – Requires 4/5ths Majority to Declare “New Business.”

MOTION TO RECESS TO PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Councilman Robert Simpson made a motion to recess to Piedmont Municipal Authority meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

11. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY Councilman Robert Simpson made a motion to recess to the PMA at 7:20pm. It was seconded by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY

12. PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM THE PSPA TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Meeting reconvened at 7:26pm.

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The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None

13. CITY MANAGER REPORT – None

14. ADMINISTRATION REPORT – None

15. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Robert Simpson – Commented about auditing conversation, Auditor appears to be lame duck and we have to start somewhere. Do not like picking an auditor at the last minute and have our back against the wall with an auditor.

Councilman Bobby Williamson – no comments

Councilman Donnie Robinson – Audits scare me.

Councilman Albert Gliemann – Audit was not explained to me. Do not care who you are Piedmont or New York City, there is always something that can be done better. It concerns him that the auditor did not find any errors in the accounting.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman – Deal with audits a great deal, met with auditor and found him fourth coming. After bond issue, spoke with financial institute and bond company they mentioned that they are hesitate to bring and do business in Piedmont. Business relationships are important. Respects that the Council wants to make a change.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson- commented that she will not tolerate any negative comments about this council from speakers in the audience.

16. ADJOURN –

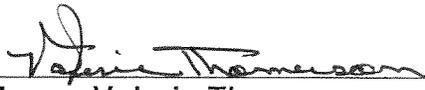
Councilman Albert Gliemann made a motion to adjourn the Piedmont City Council meeting @ 7:32p.m. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

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AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gliemann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson.

NAYE: None



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson

Secretary, Mary Ramsey