

**PIEDMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
314 EDMOND ROAD NW
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012 – 6:30p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Mayor Pro
Tem Larry Gage, Councilman Vernon
Woods, Councilman Wade Johnson,
Councilman Charles Coffman,
Councilman Albert Gleichmann

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk
Jennifer Smith, City Attorney Michael
Segler, Community Development
Director Arti Patel and Secretary Mary
Ramsey

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Thomerson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:31P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith called the roll. There was a quorum present. There were approximately 15 citizens in the audience.

Item 6J Receipt of April Financial Statements.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented that he had received the documentation he asked for during the May 29, 2012 meeting and will review the documentation. He also asked that going forward when a line item in the budget is over that more detail be provided.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 6J Receipt of April Financial Statements. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The vote was:

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AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

9. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE 2012 – 2013 CITY OF PIEDMONT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

None

10c. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NO 579 AMENDING THE CITY OF PIEDMONT CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 17 A-501 TO PROVIDE THAT SEWER USER CHARGES BE ESTABLISHED BY MOTION OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to approve item 10c. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about residents with water wells for agricultural reason, this ordinance say that they are to be metered.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that those citizens would not be affected by this ordinance, only if the well discharged into the sewer system.

City Attorney Mike Segler explained the only change in the ordinance is the first sentence, where a formula was removed.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to declare an Emergency. It was **seconded** by Charles Coffman.

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The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

10 d. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 05-29-2012B FOR THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN FEE FOR WATER, SANITARY SWER, AND REFUSE COLLECTION.

Item was discussed and voted on during PMA meeting.

10 e. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION 05-29-2012C OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND THE PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012-2013 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, THE PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, AND THE PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY, AND RELATED FUNDS.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 10e. It was **seconded** by Councilman Wade Johnson.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked what changes have occurred from prior Budget.

City Manager Jim Crosby and City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that there was a slight change to the EMSA service.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

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NAYE: none

f. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO GO OUT TO BID FOR SEWER LINE.**

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that item f is consideration for the City to send out for bid on a new sewer line prepared to deal with the schools. Triad Design has drawn up a plan, it will then go to DEQ for permitting, out to bid and then back to City Council for approval with the lowest and best bid. It is estimated to take 90 days, cost around \$290,000, schools will reimburse \$106,000 and the remainder will be paid by the City.

Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to approve item F. It was **seconded** by Charles Coffman.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage asked Engineer Robbie Williams with Triad to explain the plan.

Engineer Robbie Williams explained the project is located on Monroe Ave and Madison Ave, between 2nd and 7th street. Currently there is a 10" clay sewer line, Triad TV'ed the line and discovered that it needs to be repaired and enlarged to a 12" line. The plan is to pipe burst the existing line so that trenching will not have to occur.

Councilman Vernon Woods and Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked for further explanation on the technology that will be used and the impact this process will have on the citizens connected to the sewer liner.

Engineer Robbie Williams talked through the pipe bursting process, and what can be expected from the contractor.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for confirmation on the process of going out to bid?

Engineer Robbie Williams explained, application to DEQ, DEQ approval, will go ahead and start the bidding process while DEQ is reviewing. Also make it clear that if Council does not like the cost of the bid the Council can refuse.

The vote was:

AYE:

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Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

g. **DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO GO OUT TO BID FOR FEMA CLEAN.**

Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to approve item G. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that this item has already done out to bid due to a deadline the Community Development Director was under from FEMA.

Under advice from City Attorney Mike Segler motion needed to be ratified since item has already gone out to bid.

Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to approve the ratification. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about cleaning up properties that the land owner can clean up themselves.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that we will go back on the landowners and banks for properties that have gone into bankrupt and file lends. The City will then reimburse FEMA. The Community Development Director has done an excellent job working through the details and requirements. She has worked with the landowner to best of our ability, these are the properties that FEMA has gone through and must be dealt with.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked if this is a turn key job or are each property bided individually.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that each are bided separately because each is a separate amount. However it is a turn key job. City Manager feels all of the bids will be accepted if Council approves tonight. If not approved then we will not do the projects.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman
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Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Unplanned items – Requires 4/5th Majority to Declare “New Business”**

NONE

Adjourn to PMA

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to Adjourn to PMA. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

12. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to Adjourn to Piedmont Special Authority Projects Authority. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

13. PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY

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MOTION TO ADJOURN AND RECONVENE TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to adjourn PSPA and reconvene to City Council meeting. It was **seconded** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none

14. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about road work done on 234th road. He was under the understanding when the vote occurred that there would be rip wrap onto of concrete. Feel there needs to be something around the concrete to keep it from washing away. The water stands on top, disappointed in the rip wrap part of the work.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he would happy to get back with the contractor and go out to the site and look at the work done. The rip wrap was added on the sides of the concrete. He suggested that he get the contractor and meet with the Councilman out at the site to see what work was done.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann agreed to make an appointment the City Manger and go out on site to look at the work done.

Councilman Charles Coffman asked that the Council be mindful of rules of conduct during the City meetings. The rules make it clear how to speak and act. He asked that comments not be made in out burst. He asked that everyone reconsider individual comments during times of discussions and vote.

Councilman Wade Johnson thanked City Clerk Jennifer Smith, City Manager Jim Crosby and City Staff for all of the work that has been done of the budget. Also was thankful for all of the training that has been provided to the Council. He is appreciative for all of the hard work that has been done.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about person who is taking Community Development Director Arti Patel place on the Comprehensive Plan now that she is no longer with the City.

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City Manager Jim Crosby explained that she is a City Planner who is a sub contractor with Johnson and Associates with Triad. The City has to continue on and has asked her to come one to help with keeping our codes and regulations up to date. Mr. Brickerstaff called in one day and explained that rules and regulations are not being followed, another person with the Planning Commission had some similar concerns. We are advertising to replace Arti Patel and hope to have someone in place within the next 60 days. We have a lot of things happening right now that we need help with. We are trying to keep things moving forward.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked if she is working on the Comprehensive Plan or doing Community Development work. He is not comfortable paying a contractor for anything other than Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage, says that the Council need to start thinking about the bond that is coming up and Piedmont as a whole. We need to get firm on what roads we are going to be worked on, do don't mind going in debit on a bond, this is unique opportunity, but don't want to pay for a road that is going to be wore out in a few years and only serve a few. We need to think about Piedmont in 20 years from now. Road 164th in the future will be a major artier into our community. Has a problem building roads for a few residences. He talked that Council be thinking in the long term for Piedmont.

15. ADJOURN 7:47

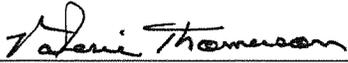
Councilman Wade Johnson made a motion to Adjourn City Council meeting. It was **seconded** Charles Coffman.

The vote was:

AYE:

Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Wade Johnson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: none



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey

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