

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Monday, September 24, 2012 6:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Attorney Mathew Wheatley, City Engineer Joe Davis, Secretary Mary Ramsey

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Valerie Thomerson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith called roll. There was a quorum present. There were approximately 20 citizens in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** - Led by Gary Layton
4. **INVOCATION** – Led by Bobby Williamson
5. **MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARY BELL**

Councilman Albert Gleichmann spoke about Mary Bell.
6. **APPOINTMENT -**
 - a. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to appointment Larry Gage as Mayor Pro Tem. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, and Councilman Vernon Woods.

NAYE: None

- b. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to appoint Dr. Tamara States to the Board of Adjustments. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann

7. CONSENT AGENDA - All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for item D be pulled.

Councilman Charles Coffman asked for item A & B be pulled.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 7c. Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List). It was **seconded** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Charles Coffman asked for the last sentence on page 8, section 9a be stricken from the record. The statement is not accurate and would take too long to explain.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to strike sentence from minutes. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

- a. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on August 27, 2012.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve minutes from City Council meeting on August 27, 2012. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

Councilman Albert Gleichmann stated the \$29,000 quoted in Section 12 Councilman Comments of the August 27, 2012 City Council meeting minutes is incorrect. The amount should have been \$2,900.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to amend prior motion to approve the August 27, 2012 City Council meeting minutes and to approve with correction of \$29,000 to \$2,950. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

b. Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on September 6, 2012.

Councilman Charles Coffman noted a typographical error on page 2 of the Special Meeting of City Council on September 6, 2012, item a, 2nd paragraph the word booth should have been both. The sentence should read both firms are equal.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve minutes from Special City Council Meeting on September 6, 2012. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

d. Receipt of August Financial Statements

Councilman Vernon Woods commented on the heading of the Claims list. Noticing that the heading of the documents states it is an Income Statement. The report is more a Statement of Operation or also known as a P&L Statement. This report shows both expenses and income. He is concerned if someone was to just pick up the report and not completely understand what the report is, it could lead to confusion. He would like the heading of the report to reflect what the report actually is.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that report headings are set by the Incode software and to her knowledge can not change the heading, but she will look into it and get back with the Councilman.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about the Fourth of July Celebration account, why are we \$11,000 in the hole on this account?

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that is the money we paid out to them. We paid

them their normal \$3,500 and then the difference of \$10,910.00. That was their expenses. We do not cut checks directly out of their fund. We have to transfer it into the General fund.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked has the account been closed out?

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he had spoken with Eric. He and Eric need to meet with Councilman Vernon Woods to discuss this account. City Manager asked if Friday was a good day for the Councilman to meet. Councilman Vernon Woods explained Friday would work. City Manager will set a meeting for Friday to meet with Councilman Vernon Woods and Eric to discuss the account and work on getting it closed out.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that the line item will look like it does for the remainder of the year. It will not come off of the expense statement once the account is closed.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about item on page 3, account #015077 dues and memberships. \$1,228.00 not budgeted; we have blown the budget on this item.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that the expense is a Police Department expense she was not sure what the item was for at the time of the meeting but can provide detail.

Councilman Vernon Woods stated that he has talked about this earlier but would like to see some type of report if there is going to be a line item that is going over budget. This is a red flag and we need to know the reason why. Looking at the numbers is pretty scary

Councilman Charles Coffman noted that the Council did ask for a report if an item has gone over 10% of what was budgeted.

Councilman Vernon Woods explained that he had spoken with City Clerk Jennifer Smith back in June, but we were at the end of the year and things looked pretty screwy. He was wanting to why until the July and begins there with a special exception report.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that was the report they had discussed creating, we need to decide what type of format.

Councilman Vernon Woods explained that this item is a good example why we need the exception report. The report should note what happened, original budget amount, new balance and an explanation as to why it is over budget.

Councilman Charles Coffman asked Councilman Vernon Woods if he would accept the 10% for the exception difference?

Councilman Vernon Woods stated 10% is a start, you don't want to get the exception too big or it will be meaningless.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that she can provide the GL detail for an account. Which will show exactly why the account is the way it is.

Councilman Vernon Woods noted another example of where an account is over budget is on page 3 Contract Services; it was budgeted for \$300.00 and has spent \$1,047.00

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained the account is the Library.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about item on page 4 – Police department remodel. We just moved into the place are we already remodeling?

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that this is some expenses that are still coming and we are just now paying them. We thought all expenses would have occurred prior to July and therefore did not put anything in the budget for this line item. We had some expenses come in that is why it looks the way it does. The expenses are left over from last year. She has spoken with Crawford and under their direction it has been noted this way. We will have to make some adjustments but for right now it will show this way. She also noted that this is another good example of where the GL detail would be helpful.

Mayor Pro Tem asked for clarification on the 10% exception report. Are we agreed on the 10%.

Councilman Vernon Woods clarified that yes the 10% is a start and we can look at going forward. City Clerk Jennifer Smith will show a GL detail.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about Sidewalks, \$4000 in the hole and no budget.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that is the Sidewalk grant that we have. We pay up front 80%, this is one engineering fee.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that this grant pays the City back 100%, we pay up front and the expenses are reimbursed. He also offered to provide Councilman Vernon Woods a map of the new sidewalks and the expenses associated with the cost of the project.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked about pages 6 & 7. The numbers do not mean anything because the budget numbers are not inputted.

City Manager Jim Crosby agreed that the budget amounts need to be added and they will get the report corrected.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 7d Receipt of August Financial Statements. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

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

Kent Daughtrey with Apex Energy provided an update of how the Wind Energy program is progressing.

- Apex Energy had a successful Open House with approximately 200 guests in attendance.
- Kent Daughtrey is available for questions and suggestions.
- Apex Energy has provided comments and suggestions to City Attorney Mike Segler and Piedmont Planning Commission on the Wind Energy Ordinance that is currently being worked on by the Planning Commission.
- Members from the Planning Commission and Council toured the current Apex project to the west of Piedmont and the Minco project. Very interesting and beneficial tours.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DRAINAGE ISSUE.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked City Manager Jim Crosby to provide Council with and update on item.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he was asked to get additional bids due to the price on the Bolt Construction bids in regards to this project. He also spoke with Superintendent Mr. White. There was a slight misunderstanding on what the School was asking the City to be responsible for. Asked Mr. White for a price and reasons there for of. Mr. White explained the school will pay for the Headwall, labor, earthwork and sod on the other proposal. The school is asking the City to pay for materials, \$2,600 labor, trench box, misc. labor, concrete flume and % of subcontractor overhead, bond, profit and insurance. Total of \$39,503.

Staff contacted two additional bidders.

Brewer Construction bid above and beyond the cost of the headwall is \$41,560.00.

Kudron Construction and Concrete bid is \$48,600.00.

If Council goes through the schools contractors cost would be \$39,503.63, rest of the options are up to the Council.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked what the schools cost would be?

City Manager Jim Crosby explained the schools would pay roughly \$6,744.11 out of this bid. They would have the additional cost of approximately \$7,000 for the Headwall.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked for a motion to open item up for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to discuss item 10a. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage asked the City Manager Jim Crosby what happened? Commenting that the Council met on this item on September 6th, and City Manager Jim Crosby spent a great deal of time working on this item in August.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that Superintendent James White recommendation against what he brought forward to the Council. After looking at the bids we agreed to pay for the grate and the concrete work. The 3 bids all had a \$2,600 labor charge which seemed to follow every bid. Looked like it was \$2,600 no matter what, a headwall, etc. Mr. White said no the \$2,600 was on each one of the bid and was separate. The Council also did not offer to pay a % of overhead, etc. The bids varied, the amount of sod was reduced when we decided to go with the concrete flume, the price of excavation of the trench went up with the concrete flume, but went down without the concrete flume. Which he did not understand that. Talk with Mr. White recommended against it to the School Board. He figured if we wanted to do the concrete flume, which was the intent of the Council that their % of the bid would be approximately 13%. Mr. White felt it would be fair for the school to do it and he would recommended to the School Board if the City agreed to pay percents of the overhead, profit, contractor bond, insurance, misc parts & wires. The \$2,600 labor would belong to the City on the bid. City Manager Jim Crosby asked for a price? Mr. White felt the Cities portion would \$39,503.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage confirmed that on September 6th the Council voted to pay how much?

City Manager Jim Crosby explained the Council voted to pay approximately \$33,000, now the price is approximately \$39,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage confirmed the prices went from approximately \$33,000 to \$39,000.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about the Headwall.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained the Headwall is an additional cost and is not included in these cost being discussed.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked what is the purpose of this item being on the Agenda, what are we trying to accomplish.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he was asked to get additional bids on the project and bring options to the Council. A Councilman would like to consider what we can or cannot do on this project. Comments were made that he thought we could the

project done for \$30,000 if it went out to bid. We contacted 3 different bidders, 2 responded with bids. Also, if you want to go forward with the school, I was trying to figure out what the school thought was fair for both sides. This is be presented to you tonight for consideration. We can do nothing, accepted the \$39,000, or consider one of the other bids. I was asked by a councilman to contact the lowest bidder and see if he would reduce his bid to \$39,000 and he did reduce his offer. This is for the Council to discuss and decide.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented that he was the Councilman that asked for the additional bids. Do not like anything about how this has come about. Nothing I can do about it now. We have an issue that needs to be taken care of. Then we have a road that we have to deal with. In my opinion, my understanding is the school feels their cost is \$6,600 plus the headwall which is another \$7,000. In my personal opinion I would like for them to write us a check for those amounts, we use our own contractors, do the job and be done with it.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented. This goes back to what I talked about 3 months ago, we are looking at improving 164th street, what that means we don't know. I am sure it will mean making it bigger and putting in more lanes around the school. Which means everything we are talking about tonight means it is down the drain. Gone! Because it going to be torn up. What I want to talk about is. We washed our hands of the school on the trash system. We said you are on your own, go do your own thing. I think we have learned a lesson here. I would like to see the City tie into the hole, go underneath 164th street, do not screw around with 7th street because any improvement to 164th will have to be torn out. I do not know the cost, but it is a one time deal if we do it right, and no matter what we do to 164th street, we will have covered this drainage issue. The City is picking up the tab; hopefully we have learned another lesson when dealing with certain groups.

Councilman Charles Coffman commented, absolutely right we have learned some valuable lessons here. Original my hope was to have this done before the school opened. Then I hope we had formed a group partnership with the school in order to work together. Thought it would be a good exercise to show we could work together. Thought that is what I had done when I looked certain people in the eye and shook their hand. Learned a good lesson. Think Councilman Vernon Woods idea has some merit, apparently the only people in a hurry to get this done is us. Only one who has a concern about the condition of the road is us. Only one who seems to have a concern once you get 1 inch off of the schools property is us. We should do what is best for us. Originally, I was thinking we have to make an investment in the road to save it. Make this change we will pay the money and later we will come back in and make adjustments. Weather it is 2 lanes or 4 lanes we will decide later. I thought it was going to be a sunk cost. Now, I am starting to look at this we have to make a large scale change to the road for the future. No one is going to help. It doesn't look like. We can wait for the county or we can try to do it with the bond issue. No matter what we do, let's fix it right, for what works best for the City and forget the rest of it. Did not come into this being so pessimistic, but whatever we do now I want in writing.

Councilman Vernon Woods clarified that Councilman Charles Coffman was speaking of the sewer, he said road.

Councilman Charles Coffman confirmed yes, the drainage.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented that he sees merit in what Councilman Vernon Woods and Councilman Charles Coffman said. He would like to see a price to run the drainage from the hole under 164th street at an angle, something in concrete. It is going to be an investment. We can do a temporary on the road until we can get asphalt. We need estimates.

Councilman Charles Coffman confirmed with Councilman Donnie Robinson build a super structure underneath and asphalt later.

Councilman Donnie Robinson confirmed yes.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained a concrete box under the road for 2 lanes we will still need to run something on the south side to direct the water into the bar ditch. We can not do anything for 4 lanes because we do not own the easement.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented. This is what we need to find out. Because we need to have 4 lanes, we need to go visit with the property owners. We need some guidance and some prices. To put in a concrete box and run it for a 2 lane road is a mistake.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented. Southside of the road you are right. Regardless of how we get the water to the south side we need to get it there. We have another set of problems which is going to be a battle. But right now I just want to get it to the other side of the road.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage commented. Would like to fix this, but I stand for growth base for growth. We have talked about a bond for fixing things for this community, but that is something the tax payers will vote on. This maybe part of that 4 lanes and paving we don't know. Things we need to look at that might make a lot of sense. What doesn't make sense is spending money on something that we have to redo. This is what I am hearing from everyone here tonight. I am willing to suck it up as a tax payer and representative up here, but I am not willing to do anything until I know what the final project looks like. Piecing milling this together is not cutting it. We have a safety issue that is why we were in a hurry. Safety issue has not gone away. We need signs up in case something does happen. We need to do our due diligences. We have a problem and it needs to be worked out. I was hoping hiring an engineering firm that work with us, that represents us, we could come to some kind of solution. Working with the school and that would be the most efficient process. Apparently that is down the line because we had a deal. This individual has worked with 2 or 3 different managers we have run up against the same thing each time. Dealing with a lot of other people who work in federal programs when you get in a thing situation where someone has got you. Let's see what they are going to do. Until we need what they are going to do we don't have a final fix. They do not want to partner with us that is obvious. Tax payers in the community may get the vote on a good long term fix. I am not sure we know what that is 100% at this point. When we first started talking Councilman Donnie Robinson asked some good questions about the North side and the other side, let look at this thing as a

whole. I have heard City Engineer Joe Davis report for the drainage with a fix, but I have not heard about the others. Am I missing something?

City Manager Jim Crosby commented he the Council would like for us to look at and give a report on a 4 lane road, put in a box, turn the water to the South, talk with property owner, we are happy to do so.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage, Yes I would like that direction and I also would like to see some signs put up to do our due diligence if there is a safety issue there.

City Manager Jim Crosby confirmed with In case of heavy rain watch for flooding

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage, I heard someone mention with the drainage issue if we didn't have bars across the hole there is a safety issue. It looks like we have some liability there that we need to look at. One of the things we can do is post signage until we can get it fixed. As far as the traffic issue, we didn't create it but we get to fix it, might as well fix it our way. I would like to know what the entire thing looks like so we can look at this entire thing as a whole. The hurry, I am not in a hurry. Let's do this once, make it right. That is what I am hearing.

City Manager Jim Crosby commented that he would be happy to bring options back to the Council.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented. We have talked about 3 or 4 issues involving all of this. We talked about easements, the long range comprehensive plan we are working on now, we are in the middle of right now figuring out how much easement we want to get and 164th is one of the streets we are talking about. We are talking about getting enough easement to make a 4 lane road with sidewalks, make it a decent road for what its purpose is. That would be approaching the easement portion. I am assuming we can get a bond issue to improve the roads. So my original deal on the drainage is to assume that all of this good stuff is going to happen and start building from the bottom of the drainage up. Assuming everyone will want to improve these road and have the confidence that we are doing it right.

Councilman Charles Coffman asked. Can we also get the cost on the super structure if we have to go on the short term plan?

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion for staff to come back with a preliminary plan with estimates to round that storm water underneath, directly from the school, directing the water under 164th street and let it pour out on the south side of the 164th.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked are you talking about straight out of the pipe?

Councilman Vernon Woods commented, Yes take up the least possible. We are going to need all of the easements for the future. So let's go straight out of that hole, straight down and then across if it is engineering possible.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann commented, What about the ditch on the South side?

Councilman Vernon Woods, No, No, No, not saying anything about the South side on with this motion.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked then where is that water going to go?

Councilman Vernon Woods commented, that is a different battle.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked, out of the pipe, straight across to the South, where is that water going to go?

Councilman Vernon Woods, it is going to go and in tie in to the east toward Piedmont Rd. down to where the drain is curvy there across from 7th street.

Councilman Albert Gliemann, We are going to have to make it deep enough to get past Mark's gate. We are going to have to do a lot of dirt work.

Councilman Vernon Woods. My point is regardless of how we get that water across 164th to the South side that problem is going to be there no matter what. If we do it at 7th street or at the new location. Once you get past 7th street everything goes up hill. This is another battle.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson suggested the engineers come back with some options as to what is best, most cost effective and efficient and let us look at them.

City Manager Jim Crosby commented, we can look at it for 2 lanes and 4 lane options and also look at the cost of the easement.

Councilman Donnie Robinson **seconded** the motion, but added signage is needed.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for bars to be put across the hole.

City Manager Jim Crosby commented it is not our stuff, we notify the school.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZE EST TO SEEK BIDS FOR WATER TOWER.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to open item up for discussion. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained the item is the water tower that was damaged during the tornado. The item had to wait to come before the Council because the tower must be empty in order for any work to be done. If the item is approved it will go out for bid for 21 days and will come back to the Council during the next meeting.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 10b. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

c. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FOR TWO 2010 POLICE TAHOES FROM KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained \$40,000 has been budgeted for police cars. After the Police Chief was hired he brought this item forward and suggested we try it.

Police Chief Alex Oblien has purchased about 25 vehicles through this program in the past years from the Kansas Hwy Patrol and always gotten a good product. Kansas Highway Patrol drives their vehicles to 50,000 miles. Currently our fleets' newest vehicle is a 2008 Crown Vic. We would replace a 2002 Crown Vic. and a vehicle that has 150,000 miles on it. Would like to start the program and if it is successful we can start updating our fleet. This program allows us to get 2 for 1 and begin updating our fleet. Will resale 2 vehicles that are currently not being driven and use the supplies out of those vehicles to stock the new vehicles.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to make the purchase of the two 2010 Police Tahoes. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

11. NEW BUSINESS –

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

None

MOTION TO RECESS TO PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to recess to Piedmont Municipal Authority. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

12. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to adjourn PMA and reconvene regular City Council meeting. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Albert Gleichmann commented that he would like a four way stop at 164th and County Line Rd.

Asked about a fire district, would like staff to check into a fire district and what that involves.

Asked about a grader from Canadian County. City Manager Jim Crosby said the City has been contacted about the grader and Bud has checked it out and it looks like a good purchase. The cost is \$25,000 and they will help to train an operator. This will be on the next City Council meeting agenda.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented his water bill was very high this month and he has received numerous calls about higher water bills. Some people bills have gone up \$30 or \$40 a month. He would like staff to look into readings and make sure they are being read correctly.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that there have been a lot of re-reads this month and all have been correct. We are coming off of the hottest months from the summer.

Councilman Donnie Robinson also commented on the Police and Fire departments. They have quick response times and cuddos to them. They do a good job and are working hard to do their best.

Councilman Charles Coffman welcomed new Community Development Director Wade Harden. Also asked Fire Chief Andy Logan if the sleeping area has changed.

Fire Chief Andy Logan explained that the sleeping area have not changed but the department is making it work. Councilman Charles Coffman wanted Fire Chief Andy Logan to know that the Council has not forgotten that an improve it needed.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for follow up on the annex project.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that Mike is currently working on it and will get with the Councilman.

Councilman Vernon Woods also asked about the status on the Charter meetings.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained the group is having their first meeting this Thursday at 5:30, it is an open meeting and the public are welcome.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for status of sewer replacement.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained the project is nearing completion and is on cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage gave cuddos to Staff for handling the Council photos in house and saving money. Water bill after 65 years of age you can get the \$7 or \$9 removed from bill.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented that we have people outside the city limited that have not been able to remove the \$9 fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage, asked to bring item back before Council to clean up and make sure we all understand what the resolution states.

Looking at water wells.

Commented the long term fix for the drainage issue with the school is developing a good relationship with the school. This community is growing; these are growing pains we are not going to get efficiency without good relationships. We have to reach across the isle and make it work.

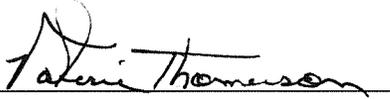
14. ADJOURN – 7:53pm

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to adjourn City Council meeting. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

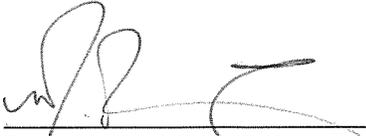
The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey