

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Monday, September 30, 2013 6:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman, Councilman Bobby Williamson and Councilman Robert Simpson

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk / Treasurer Jennifer Smith, City Attorney Mike Segler, Community Development Director Wade Harden, Public Works Superintendent Bud Stuber, Fire Chief Andy Logan, Police Chief Alex Oblien, City Engineer Pat Garrett and Secretary Mary Ramsey

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Valerie Thomerson called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - City Clerk / Treasurer Jennifer Smith called roll. A quorum was present and approximately 17 people in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** - Flag Salute led by citizen in the audience.
4. **INVOCATION** – Invocation led by City Manager Jim Crosby.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.
 - a. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on August 26, 2013.
 - b. Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on September 16, 2013
 - c. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).
 - d. Recognition/Approval of August 2013 Financial Statements.
 - e. Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013A REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Road Paving Repair (164th from Morgan Road NE to Sara Road NE).
 - f. Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013B REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Public Works Building.
 - g. Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013C REAP (Rural Economic Action

- Plan) Grant Application submission for Storm Sirens.
- h. Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013D REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Fire Department Brush Pumper.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman asked for item a. to be pulled.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked for items c,e,f,g,h,

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve items b & d of the Consent Agenda. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: None

Item a –Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 26th, 2013 - page 7, item 10 of the Agenda reads Executive Session. Item was not actually an Executive Session.

Attorney Mike Segal explained that minutes are clear that the Executive Session was adjourn. Agenda cannot be changed. He suggested we add the wording a second time “Reconvene to Regular City Council Meeting”. after the vote before item 10 a1.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to approve with adding the wording “Reconvene to Regular City Council Meeting” Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Bobby Williamson.

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann

Item 5c–Recognition/ Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursement. Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about the \$50,000 loan. City Treasurer Jennifer Smith explained that the \$50,000 was a loan from the USDA to help out a local business owner.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about \$17,168.50 to Brewer Construction. Expense was for tin horn work done prior to new road work began.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve item 5c. 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

Item 5e- Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013A REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Road Paving Repair (164th from Morgan Road NE to Sara Road NE).

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked for explanation of item. Community Development Director Wade Harden and City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the item is for approval to submit the grant information. Most often grants of this nature are not awarded.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked if the grant money was awarded then do we have to proceed with the project. City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the item will have to back before the Council before any work is to begin and all decisions can be made then.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve item 5e. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson for Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013A REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Road Paving Repair (164th from Morgan Road NE to Sara Road NE

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: None

Item 5f - Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013B REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Public Works Building.

Councilman Robert Simpson asked if the City is required to match funds if the grant is awarded. He does not want string attached to a grant that you may not be able to use.

Community Development Director Wade Harden explained that the City would not have to provide matching funds.

Discussion of ideas and options was discussed among the Council.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve, Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013B REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Public Works Building. 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

Item 5g - Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013C REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Storm Sirens

City Manager explained this grant is to add new Storm Sirens.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve item 5g. 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

Item 5h - Approval of Resolution No. 09-30-2013D REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) Grant Application submission for Fire Department Brush Pumper

Community Development Director Wade Harden explained the grant is for a new Brush Pumper vehicle for the Fire Department. Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve item 5h. 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

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

None

8. BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE UNION CONTRACT.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 8a. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented that he has concerns with allowing Police officers to drive Police vehicle 20 miles outside of City limits.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he understands the concern however this is currently an established practice that has been allowed for several years. If the item were changed now it would not hold up in arbitration.

Councilman Bobby Williamson asked if all Police Officers live within the Piedmont City limits.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that there is one officer that lives outside of the city limits.

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: None

b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 593 AMENDING THE VOTING WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT, OKLAHOMA, TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN SUBSTANTIAL EQUALITY OF POPULATION AMONG THE VOTING WARDS, AND TO FORM WARDS WHICH ARE FORMED OF COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY BY AMENDING PART ONE, CHAPTER THREE, SECTION 1-302 OF THE PIEDMONT CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann opened item for discussion.

Community Development Director provided detail explanation of item and provided maps with amendments.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve ordinance 593 with the amendments presented under item a. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

Councilman Robert Simpson asked if the item is declared an emergency a map should be included in the newspaper so citizens can see the new wards and see who the Councilman are of each ward.

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: None

Emergency Clause -

Council discussed the details of an emergency clause.

No motion heard
Item does not carry.

c. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO HOLD A WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER CHARTER COMMITTEE REVISIONS.**

City Manager asked for meeting to be changed for the October 17th to Monday October 14th at 6:00. City Attorney is unable to attend on the 17th. All agreed.

d. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #09-30-2013E OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT TO DECREASE THE SPEED LIMIT FOR EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON A PORTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE EAST FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR.**

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve item 8d. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

Councilman Bobby Williamson asked if traffic studies had been conducted on this section of road.

Police Chief Alex Oblien explained that no studies had been conducted but he wanted to slow traffic down as it approached the intersection. Also there are several driveways with cars backing up onto the road and slowing down the traffic will increase safety.

The Vote was:

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

NAYE: None

9. **NEW BUSINESS –**

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

None

MOTION TO RECESS TO SPECIAL PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman made a motion to recess to Special Piedmont Municipal Authority. 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

10. SPECIAL PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to adjourn Piedmont Municipal Authority meeting at 7:15 p.m and reconvene to Special City Council meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Councilman Robert Simpson.

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. CITY MANAGER REPORT –

None

12. ADMINISTRATION REPORT –

Police Chief Alex Oblen - commented that a new Police officer has been hired. Also the Police department applied for body cameras.

Fire Chief Andy Logan - Fire Department recently worked with Intergis hospital and was awarded a new EKG machine at no cost to the City of Piedmont. The machine allows for the first responder to take a picture of the heart and send it onto the hospital. The hospital can then communicate back what is happening with the patient.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Coffman thanked Bud Stuber for his work during the water outage. Bud was sick and the citizens much appreciated his work.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann commented that it is "nice" to see that the City is being sued over the Windmills. He hopes every things works out and okay.

Councilman Donnie Robinson still feels the two agenda items from the last City Council meeting were altered in the meeting, would like to see the items from agenda posted proper, questions called and then voted on properly. The way the items were handled was wrong and if we are tested on them they will be invalid and will not stand up in court. If we are going to be tested we need to at least do things right during the Council meetings.

Councilman Bobby Williamson – Glad to see the FOP contract is finished. Appreciate the patients of the Officers and the Chief.

Councilman Robert Simpson – no comments

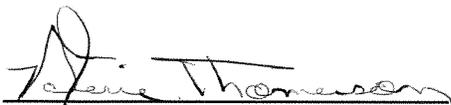
14. ADJOURN –

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to adjourn Special City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m. 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



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey