

Pinson City Council Minutes
August 17, 2006-7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, August 17, 2006. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Councilor Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: City clerk, Marie Turner, called roll of Pinson City Council with the following members present:

Mayor Hoyt Sanders
Councilor Dawn Tanner
Councilor Joe Cochran
Councilor Shane Shelnett
Councilor John Churchwell
Councilor Joy McCain

Minutes: Mayor Sanders presented minutes from August 3, 2006 council meeting. Will consider and approve minutes at the next council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$5,748.52. PC Doctor for \$90.00, B & W Sons Lawn Care for \$440.00, BJ Animal Control for \$706.25, Total Printing for \$48.50, Birmingham Water Works for \$35.70, Lead Training(Councilor Tanner and Councilor Cochran) for \$200.00, Alabama Butterbean Festival for \$4,000.00, Joy McCain(for pine bark @ Triangle Park) for \$64.96, and Angie Masters(for paint and supplies for Triangle Park) for \$163.11. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. As there was no discussion Mayor Sanders called for all opposed say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carries unanimously to pay miscellaneous bills.

Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the corporate limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama owned by Christopher L & Amanda L Collins and Jeff & Cathy Galloway Bullock described as Lot 24 Block 4, Saddle Ridge Second Sector, Unit 2 (126/36) and Lot 4 Saddle Ridge First Sector, Unit II Amended, Located at 4865 Bridle Path Drive and 5558 Saddle Ridge Drive.

Councilor Churchwell recommends this be brought into the city and was duly seconded by Councilor McCain.

Mayor Sanders called for roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnett- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Mayor Sanders called for questions or comments on the ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the council as ordinance 2006-22.

Ordinance 2006-22 passed on August 17, 2006.

Councilor Churchwell reported that several members of the City of Pinson are helping secure annexation forms and are getting a good response.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran gave a brief report on the State informing the City of Pinson, that the City now must participate in the maintenance and the electrical bills for the traffic signals and the attached street lights. They still will belong to the State but the City of Pinson will have certain financial responsibilities. However, this could improve the response time when the City of Pinson reports repair needs. Cochran asked Mayor Sanders to expand the report.

Mayor Sanders reported that the State is about to make upgrades on Highway 75 from Highway 11 to the 151. Mr. Black was asked and confirmed the city's financial responsibility and noted that the city could use designated road funds to cover these expenses. The City of Pinson will have more of a direct contact in trying to get street lights repaired. Stone is working now on some of them. Mayor Sanders stated that he will have a contract and Resolution at a later time.

Education: Mayor Sanders gave list of new participants, which is the new committee for the beginning year for 06-07, plus anyone else that is interested in serving. Traci Chesser- Assistant Chair. Rose Ritchey, Berry Byington, Amy Harlow, Shannon Sims, Becky Welch and Beth Fritz from Pinson Elementary. Tommy Waldrep, Julia Rudd, Christie Hudson, Darlene Thomas, Donna Wilson, and Elise Pass from Kermit Johnson. Susan Whitehurst, Christopher Andes, Nancy Stephens, Sharon Owens, Ronica Burns, and Cheri Pope from Rudd Middle. June Houge, Russ Cofield, Lurlean Brown, Brian Stack, Julia Nolen, Claire Bryant from Pinson Valley High School. There will be a kick off meeting on August 28, 2006, 6.00 p.m., at Rudd Middle School in part to see the new floor that has been installed in the gym. Anyone interested is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Zoning & Beautification: Councilor McCain mentioned that the committee replaced boards and painted the poles at Triangle Park. Also, Tomorrow she is going to have the concrete tables pressure washed for the Butterbean Festival.

Councilor McCain made a motion to build picnic tables to put under the pavilions because the concrete tables they have now are on the outside of the pavilions. This is going to cost around \$250.00. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to construct picnic tables for City passed unanimously.

Councilor McCain said that she posted last action for county zoning in the front of the building for Shadow Lake and Wedding Chapel; the Mini Warehouse on Highway 79 will be carried over for next month.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Sanders announced there will be an Executive Session for council, Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 4410 Main which is the old Carraway Building. We will discuss Real Estate and a small bit of litigation.

Old Business: Mayor Sanders mentioned the ad in the Butterbean Festival looks great. Councilor Cochran stated that this invoice has been paid.

Councilor Cochran presented an ordinance to regulate parking on Innsbrooke Parkway. This will prohibit parking from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. At this time there are no parking signs, Councilor Cochran also suggested that we purchase signs that have the code and the time on them to place on the signs that are already there. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the ordinance.

Mayor Sanders called for roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnett- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Mayor Sanders called for questions or comments on the ordinance, Council Churchwell stated that this had to been done quickly on account of the football year starting and that there are other areas potentially in need of similar regulations at a later time. Mayor Sanders asked for further questions or comments. Hearing none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnett- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the council as ordinance 2006-23

Ordinance 2006-23 passed unanimously on August 17, 2006.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that as previously authorized he had bid on certain sold to state property, which is property more than three years in delinquency. After three years the State has tax deed and the State will sell to sister governments for public use for a processing fee of \$50.00. There are three pieces of land that covers about 4 Acres of land from Innsbrooke along Turkey Creek fronting Bud Holmes Road. The state will sell each tract for \$50.00.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize Mayor Sanders to purchase the three tracts. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Let the record reflect motion passed with the Mayor abstaining.

Motion to purchase state property passed.

Mayor Sanders asked that Pam Burns, from the Pinson Valley Youth Association, to come forward and Educate us on the expenses and money coming in to the fund. Pam Burns stated that the PVYA grossed between \$140,000.00 to 150,000.00 each year and that they pay out about that in expenses each year. They have fundraisers yearly to pay for the trophies and pictures and they also have sponsors and that is how they are going to be able to black top next year. You will find posted finance reports on the concession stand and that PVYA meets once a month.

New Business: Mayor Sanders called on Mr. Morris to give a report on securing commercial property in the City of Pinson. Mr. Greg Morris stated that he had been driving around Pinson the last few days looking at what is already here. The first step to take in attracting certain franchise businesses in an area is to determine existing businesses. Second, we must look at what is in the surrounding areas. Mr. Morris has been looking at some things but can not elaborate at this time.

Mayor Sanders announced that there is a “Meet the Indians” at the High School Stadium at 6:00 tomorrow night. You will be able to meet all athletes from the High School, Middle School, as well as the Cheerleaders. Councilor Tanner stated that she thought the meeting was at 5:30.

Mayor Sanders requested public comments on the smoking ordinance. After public comments Councilor Tanner asked that the first line on public health be taken out. Councilor Shelnuttt agreed with the change. Councilor Shelnuttt made the motion on the Smoking Ordinance and Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders said council would consider the ordinance at further meetings.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to advertise on television with the football team again this year, this will cost \$1800.00 and will have 4 spots in each game, will broadcast 5 home games this season. Baseball and Basketball will be eliminated this year due to some difficulties, so it will only be football. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to advertise this Football season on television passed unanimously.

Councilor Tanner recognized the students from Mr. Lilly’s government class for coming to the council meeting. Mayor Sanders thanked all the students.

Public Comments:

Phil Sims- 8136 N. Valley Road- gave update on Butterbean Festival and said that there will be 149 booths. Purchased AL impressions and taken off and 62000 hits on the website. They are 16 radio commercials and 20 commercials on T.V., also will be in Birmingham News and in every Hotel. They have 442 volunteers, but still need more help. Also announced blood drive will be that weekend from 9:00 to 2:00.

Pete Chandler- 4450 Silver Lake Road- Shared his concern about the posting site of the Pinson Paper and said that these people make him mad because they don't have enough guts to come to a meeting and express concerns in person. He expresses his anger that people were talking bad about everyone. If they have something to say they need to come down and do like he does and appear in person in council meetings.

Joe Smithco- Echo Drive- shared his concern about the truck drivers using jake brakes. Wanted to know about the family dwelling ordinance. Stated that 24 people are living in a house on Silver Lake Road. Wanted to know if they were going to do junk car ordinance.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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