

Pinson City Council Minutes
January 4, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, January 4, 2007. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Councilor Dawn Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Clerk Appointment: Mayor Sanders appointed Anje May to act as Clerk.

Roll Call: Anje May, appointed City Clerk, called roll of Pinson City Council with the following council members present:

- Mayor Sanders
- Councilor Tanner
- Councilor Cochran
- Councilor Shelnett
- Councilor Churchwell
- Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the November 16, 2007, minutes. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Councilor Cochran made a motion to accept the minutes as written of the November 16, 2007, meeting. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that both motions were unanimous.”

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Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$2,547.96. McCain Uniform for \$185.97; Total Printing for \$280.00; Emergency Lighting by Haynes for \$201.60; Bellsouth for \$282.78; Nextel for \$169.72; Trussville Utilities for \$301.26; BW & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$190.00; Payroll for \$936.63. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion Mayor Sanders called for all opposed say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was unanimous.”

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. Owner, Janice Gaither Wilcox & Gurly Wayne & Judy Thrasher, located at 4352 Mountain Street & 4403 Main Street. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be adopted into the City of Pinson. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanders asked for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2007-2.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Jefferson County Commission & LandTrust. 900 acres +/- to include the Landfill, Treatment Plant & Preserve on Turkey Creek Road. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be adopted into the City of Pinson. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanders asked for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2007-1.

Public Safety: None.

Education: Mayor Sanders reported that Mrs. Hogue and the High School are working on their improvement plan. The next education meeting will be in mid January or early February.

Zoning and Beautification: Councilor McCain reported that the PZ & B Board have purchased 48 Christmas tree balls for Triangle Park Christmas tree for next year. Councilor McCain stated that the next PZ & B meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 2:00, they will be planning CityFest.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders reported that he has begun talks with ALDOT regarding mowing the median from highway 75 from highway 79 to around Aspen Ridge

Subdivision. ALDOT has sent agreement and the agreement has been sent to Attorney Black.

Mayor Sanders stated the tentative date for zoning courses from UNA, most are in March. The classes will be 4 week nights and all day on Saturday. Mayor Sanders reported that Hand Arendall has sent Pre clearance for 2006 from the Department of Justice.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that BW & Sons Lawn Maintenance will continue to do the winter maintenance here at City Hall and Triangle Park.

Old Business: Mayor Sanders ask Attorney Black to speak to Council on the issue of Payment of Council and what we need to know about this from a legal aspect. Attorney Black stated that any increase has to be for the next term and has to been put into place 6 months prior to election period. The way to set the compensation is left up to Council. The only rule is that it has to be done 6 months prior to the election period. Mayor Sanders asked what Gardendale Council is doing about this issue. Attorney Black stated that each city has different needs and expects different things from its Council.

New Business: Councilor Cochran offered a first reading of an Ordinance regarding Parking Violations and Ticketing procedures. Councilor Tanner duly seconded. Councilor Cochran offered a first reading regarding Emergency lanes in Public Parking areas. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded. Councilor Cochran offered a first reading regarding Handicap Parking. Councilor McCain duly seconded.

Councilor Cochran mentioned a meeting between Mayor Sanders, Phil Sims, and Councilor Cochran regarding the Butter Bean Festival and how the City can be more involved. Council has received a proposal from the Butter Bean Festival Committee as to what they need from the City.

Public Comment:

1. John Harrison. Can you clarify, is compensation for elected officials only? Mayor Sanders sated that it is only for seated officials. Mr. Harrison mentioned that the next PZ & B meeting will be January 25, 2007 at 6:30, at City Hall.
2. Phil Sims, 8144 North Valley Road, Pinson. Pam King, Historical Consultant, will be at the next Community Meeting, Sunday, at the PHCC to speak to homeowners involved in the Historical District. Mrs. King will be available to answer any questions that the homeowners may have regarding their property. Mr. Sims mentioned that on February 4, 2007, at 2:00, ALDOT will be at PHCC to discuss the interchange in Palmerdale. The 1st Monday of each month will be the Butter Bean Festival meeting at PHCC at 6:30. Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye”. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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