

Pinson City Council Minutes
January 18, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, January 18, 2007. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Councilor Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Mayor Sanders
Councilor Tanner
Councilor Cochran
Councilor Shelnett
Councilor Churchwell

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the December 7, 2006, 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 December 7, 2006, meeting. Councilor Churchwell 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.”

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the December 21, 2006, 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 December 21, 2006, meeting. Councilor Churchwell 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.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$15,212.38. Alabama Power for \$240.73, Birmingham Water for \$118.76, Amsouth for \$732.23, BJC Animal Control for \$683.75, Kuston Signals, Inc. for \$4,958.00, Lyle Arrington for \$70.00, Jefferson County Law Enforcement for \$5,956.85, All Sports Trophy(reimbursement for Candace Sanders) for \$27.25, Hand Arendall for \$2,268.37, and Joy McCain for \$156.44. 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, Peggy Joyce Griffin, located at 6255 Spraul Aveune. 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 Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-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 Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance 2007-03.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Carolyn Ann Gaynor, located at 6740 Ridgewood Drive. 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 Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-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 Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance 2007-04.

Councilor Churchwell stated that the City of Pinson is getting annexations in daily now and that there is a possibility of referendums in the future.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran stated that April Herrin has brought to his attention an Ordinance that Mt. Brook has on underage drinking. In this packet there are some facts that are startling and in the future we will be working on an Ordinance for this type of problem.

Education: Mayor Sanders congratulated the High School wrestling team they have won the County Championship. Also from our schools we will be participating in the high school improvement plan which is a yearly thing now.

Zoning and Beautification: none

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the Center Point Fire District has two openings on the fire board, they will get together with the council and see if anyone is interested in these positions.

Old Business: Councilor Cochran made a motion to buy add in the Butter Bean circular for the amount of \$5,000.00 and to provide the BB Festival with security as far as the police and the Fire Department. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders stated that the City can provide the health and safety for the City. Councilor Churchwell stated that last year the BB festival was a great success and they did a great job and that this is something the City should invest in. Councilor Cochran stated that after one year the opportunities that it has provided the City and the great things it can do for the community and it will affect the community in a positive way. Mayor Sanders called for roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes. Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was unanimous.”

Motion to support the Butter Bean Festival passed unanimously.

Councilor Cochran presented an ordinance, that was brought up in the last council meeting and was duly seconded by Councilor McCain, regarding Emergency Lanes in public parking areas for the purpose of providing adequate access for emergency vehicles and equipment to and from all building and structures adjacent to or served by such public park areas.

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

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote as ordinance 2007-05.

Councilor Cochran presented an ordinance, that was brought up in the last council meeting and was duly seconded by Councilor Churchwell, regarding Hadicapped parking.

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

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote as ordinance 2007-06.

Councilor Cochran presented an ordinance, that was brought up in the last council meeting and was duly seconded by Councilor Tanner, regarding parking violations and ticketing procedures whereby a person violating municipal parking offenses may be issued a municipal ticket for placement of the offending vehicle and dealt with by the City of Pinson.

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

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote as ordinance 2007-07.

New Business: Mayor Sanders reported that the Zoning and Beautification board was working on the City Fest and wanting to have it on March 31st. Councilor Cochran made a motion that the Councilor will allow the City Fest to take place. Council Churchwell 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.”

Public Comments:

Noel Sanders- 6658 Goodwin Road- wanted Council to type letter thanking the County Officials for there support in getting the arcades taken out and since we have no police force that we should support them.

Randy Vessels-9597 Highway 79-wants council that his son was beaten by three boys in the bathroom and he wants the council to take care of this because his son has never been in trouble and he may move out of the City. He said that his son is a senior and that he

may not graduate. He also thinks that the assistant principal was responsible for this and that his son did not fight and they still suspended him anyway. They tried to press assault charged but the resource officer said they could not and that he could press harassment charged. They have also heard that this was gang related.

Phil Sims- 8144 North Valley Road- Wanted to thank council for the support with the Butter Bean Festival and they will have major announcement in two weeks.

Pete Chandler- 4450 Silver Lake Road- Wanted to ask for help for the BB festival they need about 40 to 50 more people to help.

April Herrin-5422 Doug Hollow Road- We have a lot of problems with teenagers. She has 16 year old twins and there is not a lot of parental involvement. These kids parents don't know what the kids are doing and she is looking for ways to make the parents responsible for what there kids are doing. There is a lot of underage drinking going on and have the parents step up and be accountable for their children. The kids are getting drugs at school now and it is available to them.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked all opposed say "no", all in favor say "aye." Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote of the Council.