

Pinson City Council Minutes
April 5, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, April 5, 2007. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Councilor Dawn 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
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the March 15, 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 March 15, 2007, meeting. Councilor Tanner 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 passed unanimous.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$19,822.76. State of Alabama for \$15.20; Pinson Valley Athletic Booster Club for \$1,800.00; Winston Mortimer for \$530.00; Moore Coal Company for \$131.00; BW & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$140.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$90.00; Bellsouth for \$283.07; Alabama Power for \$165.39; Best Insurance for \$200.00; Nextel for \$169.76; Jefferson Co. Finance Dept. for \$5,956.85; Trussville Utilities for \$172.54; Payroll for \$1,151.86; Charles Russell for \$125.00; Call-A-Haul for \$560.00; The Outhouse for \$175.00; UNA for \$79.00; Hand-Arendall for \$7,950.00; Julia Nolen for \$128.09.

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 passed unanimous.”

Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell mentioned that there were no annexations to be discussed at this meeting. Councilor Churchwell stated that while at CityFest there were several contacts with citizens that wish to be annexed into the City. Councilor Churchwell also reported that there are four areas that we will eventually referendum into the City, Elfreth Johnson; Willow Ridge; Lazy Acres Trail and Brookcrest of Innsbrooke.

Public Safety: None.

Education: Mayor Sanders reported that Pinson Valley High School Graduation will be May 24, 2007, and Spring Break will be April 16, 2007, through April 19, 2007 for Jefferson County Schools. Councilor Cochran mentioned that the Jefferson County Golf Tournament will be hosted by Pinson Valley High School. The Tournament will be held at Cumberland Lake Country Club on Monday, April 9, 2007.

Zoning and Beautification: Councilor McCain reported that the Planning Board has a new name, C.O.P.E. Community On Pinson’s Enhancements. Councilor McCain reported that CityFest had 90 booths at this year’s festival compared to 61 last year. Councilor McCain stated that the CityFest Committee had their after festival meeting to discuss improvements for next year’s festival.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders reported that he had completed the UNA Certification along with 4 other people on the zoning committee; the other members will complete their certification at a later date.

Old Business: Mayor Sanders stated that we had a Resolution offered and seconded at our last meeting allowing the City to enter into a contract with ALDOT to enable us to mow the median on Highway 75, that is ruled now ready for immediate consideration. Mayor Sanders called for a Roll Call vote on the Resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes;

Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnuttt-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was passed unanimously as Resolution 2007-04.”

New Business: Mayor Sanders stated that we have the first reading on a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Flood Mitigation Management contract with Jefferson County. Councilor Cochran made a recommendation on this Resolution. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the recommendation. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was none, Mayor Sanders stated that this would lay until the next meeting. Mayor Sanders stated that we have the first reading on the Higher Regulation Ordinance. Councilor Cochran made a recommendation on this Ordinance. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated this will lay until next meeting.

Councilor McCain offered a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Contract with Civitan International. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran mentioned that this was a good opportunity for the City and that Civitan has been very gracious to us by offering the building to us at \$100,000.00 and 0% interest for 6 years. Mayor Sanders stated that this will not be used as a City Hall but will be used as a Senior Center, etc. Councilor Churchwell stated that it is not only the building but also the acreage approx. 2 ¼ acres. Mayor Sanders called for a Roll Call vote on the Resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnuttt-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was passed unanimously as Resolution 2007-06.”

Councilor Cochran stated that we had approved in our budget \$5,000.00 to each of the two Fire Departments in our Community, and he would like to recommend that we go ahead and disburse those funds. Councilor Tanner 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 passed unanimously.”

Public Comment:

Paula Shore, 4590 Rudd School Road, Pinson, Alabama. Ms. Shore commented on her perception of excessive speeds on Rudd School Road and expressed concern after the loss of her pet after being struck by a vehicle.

M.E. Perry, P.O. Box 189, Pinson, Alabama. Mr. Perry read a letter written by Mary Cochran concerning De-Annexation of 80 acres of her property located in the City limits of Pinson. Mayor Sanders told Mr. Perry that the letter had been referred to the City Attorney and that Attorney Black would get back with Mr. Perry on this matter.

Gary Moore, 6474 Old Bradford Road, Pinson, Alabama. Mr. Moore commented on the article in the Pinson Paper referring to Mary Cochran's property.

Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road, Pinson, Alabama. Mr. Chandler commented on the positive work by Councilor McCain on CityFest & called on the public for more volunteers. Mr. Chandler also wanted to know if money could be donated for Senior Citizens to come to City Hall once a month for coffee and donuts and fellowship. Mayor Sanders replied that he would look into it.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Tanner 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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