

Pinson City Council Minutes
May 10, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, May 10, 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 Shelnutt
Councilor Churchwell

Minutes: Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to waive the reading of the April 19, 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 April 19, 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 unanimously.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$18,209.85. AT&T for \$283.07; Nextel for \$200.32; Trussville Utilities for \$60.67; Hand Arendall for \$6,445.99; Lyle Arrington for \$295.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$45.00; Joy McCain for \$261.97; Jefferson county Dept. of Finance for \$5,956.85; Quarterly Tax for \$482.87; Call-A-Haul for \$160.00; BJC Animal Control Services for \$637.50; Payroll for \$898.88; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. For \$260.00; Birmingham Water Works for \$59.64;Regions for \$1,017.37; Joe Cochran for \$1,144.72. 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 unanimously.”

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, David E. & Dawn P. Smith, located at 5048 Summer Crest Drive. 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 Shelnutt-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.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2007-13.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Louis Vaskey, JamesB & Doris Coleman, located in Brittney Place in Innsbrooke. 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 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.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2007-14.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran reported that all of the street lights have been installed.

Councilor Cochran stated that Birmingham Water Works has reported that we are in Stage 2 Drought conditions and residents should follow this watering schedule:

Even house numbers water only on Mondays and Thursdays.

Odd house numbers water only on Tuesday and Fridays.

Education: Mayor Sanders reported that the P.V.H.S. improvement team had their final meeting from which he has brought drafts for Council. Mayor Sanders stated that some of the school needs are Band Instruments & help with Dual Enrollment for approximately 15 students. The Booster Club mentioned some fence repair, which Ms. Hogue stated would probably be handled through the Board of Education under Maintenance.

Zoning and Beautification: None.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Higher Regulatory Flood Ordinance final draft should be available in approximately 10 days, there are minor items being adjusted. Mayor Sanders stated that he will get the final draft to Council a.s.a.p. Mayor Sanders mentioned that we have received a Sheriff's Alert advising citizens not to return any calls received from the 809 area code. This is the area code for the British Virgin Islands and long distance fees are quite high.

Mayor Sanders reported that the fence around the air conditioner unit is very old and in need of repair. Mayor Sanders stated that the cost of the fence repair is approximately

\$540.00 with the repair being done by Pete Chandler. Mayor Sanders asked “What is the will of Council?”. Councilor Cochran made a motion to repair the fence. 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.”

Old Business: Mayor Sanders mentioned that several Council members attended League Conference and Training in Huntsville recently. Councilor Tanner commented that this was a 4 day session that they attended, with 1-3 training classes each day, including a Roundtable with other City Officials. Councilor Churchwell stated that this conference was very informative with several great guest speakers like the Treasurer of the State of Alabama, Kay Ivey in attendance. Councilor Churchwell added that there was opportunity to talk with one of the newest cities in Alabama, Magnolia Springs (located close to Mobile). Councilor Cochran mentioned the information he received on Biodiesel, and stated that this is a program that we could possibly in the near future start up.

Mayor Sanders stated the resolution regarding purchase of unimproved land which was read last meeting, now available for immediate consideration. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion 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 Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes. Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was passed unanimously as Resolution 2007-07”

New Business:

Mayor Sanders mentioned the discussion with ALDOT and various vendors regarding a mowing contract. The lowest price received was approximately \$450.00 per cut. Attorney Black briefly explained the contract and the restrictions and caps in the contract. Councilor Cochran offered the Resolution for consideration. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that this will lay until the next meeting. Councilor Tanner offered a 1st reading of an Ordinance restricting Alcohol and Firearms in Nature Preserves & Park areas. Councilor Shelnett duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that this will lay until the next meeting. Attorney Black spoke to explain the Ordinance.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to allow the Mayor to purchase new chairs for Council and City employees. 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.”

Councilor Cochran presented a proposal regarding future Council Salary, which he compiled from 15 municipalities and sizes. Based on the information Councilor Cochran compiled the proposal is to pay the Mayor up to \$30,000.00/yr. starting at \$23,000.00/yr. increasing by \$1,000.00/yr. over a 7 year period. With a similar scale for Pro-tem but a

cap of \$6,500.00 and Council a cap of \$6,000.00. Councilor Cochran stated that this is only a proposal and is open to any and all other proposals. Councilor Shelnutt stated that his opinion was that as with any Politician the more experience you have the worse you are at the job. Councilor Shelnutt's opinion is the more experience you have in your position, the less your salary should be. Councilor Churchwell stated that Council is doing this to take care of future Council, and that they should be taken care of as we (the City) can afford. Councilor Shelnutt added that the City of Tarrant has a budget of approximately \$9,000,000.00, and they pay their Mayor \$9,000.00/yr. and Council \$3,600.00/yr., so looking at sister cities budgets may help us know how to compensate future Councils.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that Mrs. Chatham presented Council a check in the amount of \$630.00, from the sale of T-shirts and other CityFest memorabilia, to be used for Community enhancements.

Public Comment:

- 1) Norma Rich, Heatherpoint Subdivision. Wanted to thank Council for the installation of street lights at St. John and Center Point Road.
- 2) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road, Pinson. Asked Attorney Black to explain the Alcohol & Firearms ordinance, pertaining to the Firearms portion of the ordinance. Attorney Black explained that this was in reference to carrying a gun and discharging it in any public place in the City held open for City use. Playgrounds, etc.
- 3) Phil Sims, 8144 North Valley Road, Pinson. The Butterbean Festival has been recognized in the Bank Travel Management Magazine as one of the top 5 festivals to attend in the South. Also, PHCC has reward posters to post in the community regarding the shooting of the Horse in Palmerdale. Mr. Sims asked Council to add to the \$10,000.00 reward already being offered if there has not been an arrest in this case by the next Council Meeting.
- 4) Neil Sanders, 6624 Goodwin Road, Pinson. Mr. Sanders asked that Council consider placing a traffic light at the intersection of Goodwin Road and Bud Holmes Road. 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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