

Pinson City Council Minutes
May 24, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, May 24, 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 Shelnut
Councilor Churchwell

Absent:

Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Cochran made a motion to replace the minutes from the April 19, 2007, meeting with the edited version. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders said “The minutes are hereby adopted as amended for April 19, 2007”.

Councilor Shelnut made a motion to waive the reading of the May 10, 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 May 10, 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 \$2,667.24. Payroll Tax Deposit for \$151.69; Custom signal for \$70.00; Mayors Association for \$610.00; Best Insurance for \$985.00; Alabama Power for \$123.55; Pete Chandler for \$637.00; John Harrison for \$90.00. 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.”

Mayor Sanders appointed Brent Powell and Shannon Gallamore to the Finance Committee. Mayor Sanders announced that the Finance Committee will meet on June 2, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. to begin work on the budget.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Naomi Delores Holloway and Charles W. Crumpton, located at 3113 & 3109 Sweeney Hollow 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 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 2007-15.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran reported that the Website Administrator stated that last month there were 475 hits on the City’s website, each hit averaged 1 min. 45 sec. There were hits from 75 other municipalities as far away as Canada, as far South as Mexico City and over to San Francisco. 40% of the people accessing the website used a browser.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to have the Website Administrator design a City Seal which would be Garnet, Gold and Black, which are the school colors, featuring Turkey Creek Falls in the center. 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.”

Education: Councilor Cochran attended the Pinson Valley High School graduation, which honored Officer Reeves the SRO for the high school along with Mr. Lily and his 32 years of service. Mr. Lily gave out the graduating students diplomas.

Zoning and Beautification: Councilor Churchwell made a motion to purchase some decorative flags for Memorial Day, July 4th, etc. 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.”

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders mentioned that he had purchased additional chairs for the podium, as previously discussed by council.

Old Business: Mayor Sanders stated that the Ordinance restricting Alcohol and Firearms in Nature Preserves & Park areas is now on the floor for consideration.

Mayor Sanders called for any question or comment. As there was 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.

Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was passed unanimously as Ordinance 2007-16”.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to adopt the Amended Flood Plan Ordinance as a replacement for the previously offered ordinance. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated “this will lay until the next meeting”.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to replace the Median Mowing contract as amended. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any question or comment. As there was none 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was passed unanimously as Resolution 07-08”.

New Business:

Mayor Sanders mentioned that occasionally he is informed when Sister Governments have vehicles for sale. Mayor Sanders asked for the will of Council in bidding on future vehicle purchases. Councilor Cochran made a motion to allow the Mayor to look for additional vehicles as the City's future needs grow. Mayor Sanders asked for a second to the motion. There was no second to the motion. Mayor Sanders stated "The motion fails for lack of second".

Mayor Sanders mentioned that there will be an Executive Session meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 6:30.

Public Comment:

- 1) Richard Hawkins, 5027 Richard Street. Mr. Hawkins asked if the railroad bed between Terry Heights Road and the Power lines could be blocked due to trash being dumped there by the people riding 4 wheelers.
- 2) John Dooley, 8211 Brookwood Road. Mr. Dooley wants to know if speed breakers could be placed on Brookwood Road due to speeders.
- 3) Vern Pitts, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Mr. Pitts stated that he is happy that council passed the Alcohol & Firearms Ordinance and wanted to thank council for their efforts.

Councilor Shelnutt asked when the website will be updated to include the agenda. Councilor Cochran replied that he will look into the software and get back with council as soon as possible.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that at the last council meeting the Horse shooting was mentioned, and as an update there has been an arrest made in that issue. Councilor Churchwell added that the problem with the County dump and their Saturday hours has been brought to the attention of Commissioner Collins and she is investigating.

Councilor Cochran stated that there had also been an arrest made in the 2005 Hit & Run accident of Blake Hand.

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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