

Council Minutes
October 18, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, October 18, 2007. Mayor Sanders led the invocation 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
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to waive the reading of the October 4, 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 October 4, 2007, meeting. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.”

Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that both motions passed unanimously.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$10,276.22. Alabama Power for \$304.45; Craig’s Lawn Service for \$900.00; Birmingham Water for \$39.06; BJC Animal Control for \$850.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$280.00; Alabama Power for \$43.28; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; Jefferson County Finance Dept. for \$5,956.85; Center Point Fire District for \$256.00; Best Insurance for \$131.00; Winston Mortimor for \$399.00; Regions for \$1,051.58. 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 motion passed unanimously.”

Annexation:

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Celia M. Keller and Carolyn B. Smith, located at 5804 and 5800 Stonearbor Place. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed 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; 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 Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2007-42.

Public Safety:

Mayor Sanders performed the swearing in of contracted Jefferson County Deputy, Officer Jeff Hannah.

Education:

Mayor Sanders announced the Band Boosters meeting, October 23, 2007, at 7:30.

Mayor Sanders mentioned the Pride of the Valley Marching Festival, Saturday, October 27, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Sanders stated that there will be a meeting on November 5, 2007, with some of the Board Staff to discuss additions, renovations and other issues.

Mayor Sanders announced the Sarah Holloway, 1st Grade teacher at Pinson Elementary, has won the AFT Class Makeover.

Enhancements:

Councilor McCain announced the Christmas Parade information is on the website. The Parade will start at 11:00 a.m. this year.

Councilor McCain stated that there have been two trees donated to be planted at the new City Hall.

Councilor McCain reported that the Dumpster will be delivered to the new building on October 29, 2007.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sanders stated that Mr. Spitzer has offered his equipment and an operator to clear the acreage behind the Civitan building at a rate of \$60.00/hr. Councilor McCain made a motion to hire Mr. Spitzer's equipment and operator to clear the acreage behind the Civitan building. 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 motion passed unanimously."

Old Business:

Councilor Cochran offered a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Property. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. 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-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously, with the Mayor abstaining, as Resolution number 07-18.

Councilor Cochran offered a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to File Condemnation Proceedings on Certain Property. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. 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-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously, with the Mayor abstaining, as Resolution number 07-19.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to increase the Alabama Butterbean Festival advertising allocation from \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00. 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 motion passed unanimously.”

New Business:

Councilor Tanner mentioned that she will be researching information concerning The National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans and sending council members interested in attending.

Mayor Sanders and Council agreed to add the start and adjournment time to the minutes.

Special Guest Pam King, Historian:

Mrs. King reported that she is nominating 3 Historical Districts in our area which are, Downtown Pinson; Pinson Hills, (residential area across Centerpoint Road); and Palmerdale. Additional individual buildings that might be eligible are, the Whittington Estate; the 2 McKee Houses on Tyler Loop Road; Bradford Road; and Cochran House. These nominations will be sent to the Alabama Historical Convention. Ms. King answered questions from those present and added that she can be reached by email at pamking@uab.edu.

Public Comment:

1.) Mike Vanderboegh. Mr. Vanderboegh stated that a lawsuit has been filed against the City for the vote taken last time and he finds it interesting that no one has mentioned it. The school board has appointed him to a committee on the new Staph Regulations.

Councilor Shelnutt stated that he had not heard anything about the lawsuit. Mayor Sanders replied that we have not been served with anything so we have nothing to add.

2.) Phil Sims. Mr. Sims announced the following meetings: October 31 and November 1, 2007, there will be a meeting of the EMA open to the general public held at Boutwell Auditorium; November 3, 2007, a Storm watchers Training Class at the EMA Command Center, this will be a 2 hr. class.

Councilor Cochran announced that on October 22, 2007, at 6:30 at City Hall there will be a Steering Committee Meeting, for the Alabama Butterbean Festival, open to the public.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye”. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

October 18, 2007 Minutes Adopted _____