

Council Minutes  
December 6, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, December 6, 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 November 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 November 15, 2007, meeting. Councilor McCain 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 \$37,456.98. Nextel for \$222.81; Darden Green for \$70.00; Hand-Arendall for \$4,048.83; Pinson Medical Office for \$412.37; Alabama Power for \$19.21; Kustom Signals for \$1,916.00; UNA for \$169.00; AT&T for \$285.54; Moore Coal Company for \$60.50; Eastern Tree Service for \$1,750.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$360.00; Mayer Electric for \$1,767.64; APEX for \$15,248.26; Jefferson County Finance Dept. for \$5,956.85; Trussville Gas for \$119.11; Call-A-Haul for \$337.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$45.00; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; Jim’s Signs for \$225.00; Jefferson County Tax Collector for \$372.90; Payroll for \$2,514.99; Angie Masters for \$64.42; Hoyt Sanders for \$79.97; Marie Turner for \$282.45; Herbert Spitzer for \$960.00; Joy McCain for \$104.13. 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 passes with one no.”

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Philip E. and Tina Merrell, located at 5842 Walnut Grove Road. 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 2007-47.**

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Located on Glen Brook Road. 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-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted as Ordinance number 2007-48, with the Mayor abstaining.**

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Douglas & Jennifer Hodge, located at 219 Saturn Lane. 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 2007-49.**

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners Mark & Angela Smith, Sharon Ramsey, Adam & Frieda McMillan, Perci Darlene Kelley, & Eddie & Lena Smith, located at 6829, 6825, 6821, 6817, 6828, and 6816 Ashberry Drive. 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 2007-50.**

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran offered a Holiday Warning to all, reminding everyone to be mindful of their surroundings.

**Education:**

Mayor Sanders announced the Tentative Education meeting on, January 14, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

**Enhancements:**

Councilor McCain announced the Christmas tree lighting will begin at 6:30 p.m. serving refreshments and the Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayors Report:**

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize ADT to install a Burglar Alarm System at 4410 Main Street. Councilor McCain 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining."

Councilor McCain made a motion authorizing Action Painting to prep and paint some of the interior of 4410 Main Street. 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."

Mayor Sanders stated that he plans to have our current cleaning service, Acceptance Janitorial, strip and wax the floors and clean the carpets.

Councilor McCain made a motion pursue abandoned title, on the abandoned car located at 4410 Main Street. 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.”

Mayor Sanders appointed L.C. Dennis to the Planning Commission to serve for 6 years.

**Old Business:**

Councilor Tanner made a motion to accept the 2006/2007 Audit. 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.”

Councilor Tanner offered a 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the East Soccer Contract.

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to reconsider a resolution concerning the reduction of corporate limits. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Councilor Shelnutt stated that now that the property/new City Hall, it would be proper to act on the recommendation of the Education Committee. Councilor Shelnutt stated that the recommendation was to use the money that the City gives the schools to purchase an Electronic sign, estimated cost between \$20,000. and \$30,000., to be put in the proper location that would help inform the citizens of Pinson of activities for the schools from the City. Councilor Cochran stated that he is in favor of the purchase of the sign, but is not in favor of taking the money that is earmarked to the schools, although it will service our schools, it will not be their sign and would rather buy the sign out right without disturbing those funds. Councilor Tanner was in agreement with Councilor Cochran. Councilor Shelnutt would like to have at least 3 different companies to come and present their offers. Mayor Sanders stated that we could do that at our January 17<sup>th</sup> or later meeting.

Councilor Shelnutt stated that the Postmaster is contacting his superiors regarding the City placing a clip at the Post Office for our Public Notices and will advise Mayor and Council when he receives an answer.

Mayor Sanders stated that there will be a tentative Public Hearing on January 3, 2008, beginning at approximately 7:30, regarding Salaries for the next seated Council. The salaries must be in place by February 26, 2008.

Councilor Cochran offered a 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the Alabama Butterbean Festival Contract.

**New Business:**

Councilor McCain made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a Comprehensive Planning Grant from the Regional Planning Commission. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanders asked 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; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 07-22.**

Councilor Cochran offered a 1<sup>st</sup> reading on a Noise Ordinance.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to move our regular meeting from December 20, 2007 to December 18, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. with Pre-Council at 6:30 p.m. Councilor McCain 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.”

Councilor Cochran made mention of a Vicious Animal Ordinance that is under review.

Councilor Churchwell made a report of his attendance of the National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans, LA.

City Clerk made a report of her attendance of the Clerk Training in Orange Beach, AL.

**Public Comment:** None.

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.

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**December 6, 2007 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**