

Council Minutes
February 21, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 6230 Dry Creek Lane on Thursday, February 21, 2008. 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 Shelnett
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Minutes:

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the January 17, 2008, 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 January 17, 2008, 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 passed unanimously.”

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the January 31, 2008, 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 January 31, 2008, meeting. Councilor McCain 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 passed unanimously.”

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the February 7, 2008, 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 February 7, 2008, 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 passed unanimously.”

Pre-Council Comments:

- 1.) Phil Sims, 8136 North Valley Road. Made a comment regarding Salaries.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$24,105.85. Alapestco for \$250.00; Alabama Power for \$1,434.21; Alabama Power-streetlights for \$97.47; Acceptance Janitorial for \$100.00; Birmingham Water Works for \$175.82; Jefferson County Finance Department for \$12,612.85; Regions for \$5,280.73; BJC Animal Control for \$489.00; Regions VISA for \$767.47; Marie Turner for \$243.30; Craig's Lawn Service for \$225.00; Jefferson State Community College for \$2,430.00. 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 motion passes unanimously".

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Peggy Joyce Griffin, Andre Pohl, and Billy Thomas Buckner, located at 341 and 374 St. John Road and 4017 Leigh 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 Shelnutt-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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2008-09.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize entering into a one year contract and user fee with Alacourt.com for the Deputies use. 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."

Councilor Cochran made a motion to offer a reward of \$500.00 for information and criminal conviction of the person(s) responsible for the Graffiti destruction in the City. 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".

Education:

Councilors Tanner and Cochran attended the A+ Grant Signing at Hueytown High School. Both councilors spoke about this event.

Mayor Sanders reported that the Band Boosters and Attorney Black will be with us on, March 6, 2008, to further discuss use of the 4410 Main Street parking lot for a fund raiser on May 31, 2008.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to allow funds allocated for Pinson Elementary to be used in the Classroom Makeover. 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining”.

Enhancements:

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the purchase of portable aluminum staging. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell stated that Pete Chandler had offered to build the staging and thanked him for his offer, but feels that the aluminum staging will be better. Mayor Sanders called for any 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 McCain announced that Cityfest will be held, March 29, 2008, and mentioned some of the entertainment that will be performing.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sanders reported that he and Mr. Harrison attended the RPC ceremony to receive a Master Planning Grant awarded to the City of Pinson.

Mayor Sanders announced that the construction at 4410 Main Street will be beginning soon, and Saturday, February 23, 2008, the flagpole that was donated by Eagle Scout Jacob Bevins and Bain Brown will be erected beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Sanders announced the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at 4410 Main Street.

Old Business:

Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance regarding Council Salaries. Councilor Tanner seconded.

Councilor Cochran offered an amendment to Section 5, (as attached), of the main ordinance. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the amendment to the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the motion to amend Section 5 of the main ordinance passed unanimously.”

Councilor Cochran offered an amendment to Section C, (as attached), of the main ordinance. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the amendment to the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders said "Let the record reflect that the motion to amend Section C of the main ordinance passed unanimously."

Mayor Sanders called for any discussion on the main ordinance that was previously offered by Councilor Cochran and seconded by Councilor Tanner.

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to pay Council \$50.00 per meeting and the Mayor \$500.00 per meeting. Mayor Sanders called for a second. As there was no second, Mayor Sanders said, "Motion failed due to lack of second".

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 Shelnutt-no; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted with one no as Ordinance number 2008-10.

New Business:

Mayor Sanders offered a Sign ordinance for first introduction to be considered by Council.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to authorize expense and registration for those council members interested in attending the CMO training on April 7, 2008, and/or Alabama League of Municipalities 2008 Convention, May 17-20, 2008. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any 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 a motion to place a 4 X 4 advertisement at a cost of \$50.00, and a ½ page color advertisement at a cost of \$300.00, in The Pinson News, advertising Cityfest. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any 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 Churchwell mentioned that the Business Reception that the Alabama Butterbean Festival Steering Committee held was well received. There were 30 Business owners and 4 council members in attendance. Councilor Churchwell added that he thought it should become a quarterly event.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules.

Councilor Shelnutt introduced Danny Williams with Reliable Sign Company who gave a presentation regarding an Electronic sign for the New City Hall.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

February 21, 2008 Minutes Adopted _____