

Council Minutes
March 20, 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, March 20, 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 Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Absent:
Councilor Shelnutt

Minutes:

Councilor Tanner made a motion to waive the reading of the March 6, 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 March 6, 2008, meeting. Councilor Churchwell 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.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$27,084.87. Alacourt for \$13.40; Birmingham Water Works for \$116.19; AT&T for \$449.52; SA-SO for \$671.51; Regions for \$3,854.18; Regions Visa for \$661.76; Jefferson Co. Finance Dept. for \$12,612.85; Alabama Power for \$911.56; Shane Shelnutt for \$289.33; Dawn Tanner for \$4,357.07; BJC Animal Control for \$597.50; Carolyn Chatham for \$100.00; Alabama League of Municipalities for \$2,100.00; Pinson News for \$350.00. 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 unanimously”.

Annexation: None.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the purchase and installation of a custom wrought iron gate behind City Hall by Pete Chandler at an estimated cost of \$1,600.00. 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:

Mayor Sanders announced the next Education meeting will be held April 7, 2008.

Mayor Sanders made a request to disburse the remaining budgeted school funds. Councilor Cochran made a motion to disburse the remaining budgeted funds to the schools. 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 McCain reported that there are approximately 51 booths signed up for CityFest. Councilor McCain asked each councilmember to take one hour at the entrance gate to meet and greet those attending.

Mayor Sanders stated that he has done further research on Movies in the Park, and each councilmember has been provided the information. Councilor Tanner stated that she would like to pursue the Movies in the Park. Councilor Churchwell stated that he thought we should get sponsors to pay for some of the expenses and thinks that we should wait and see what prospects we have for sponsors. Councilor Cochran thought we should do a little more research before voting on this.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sanders stated that the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention will be held May 17-20, 2008, at the BJCC, and that council needs to make Voting Delegate selections.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to elect Mayor Sanders as the Primary Voting Delegate. Councilor Churchwell 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining.”

Councilor Cochran made a motion to elect Councilor Churchwell as 1st Alternate Voting Delegate. 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 Cochran made a motion to elect Councilor Tanner as 2nd Alternate Voting Delegate. 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.”

Old Business:

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution directing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked who the RPC is working with. Mayor Sanders replied, the City, City Council and the Planning Commission, helping us establish the Master Plan. Councilor Churchwell asked if RPC will talk with the Zoning Commission. Mayor Sanders replied, yes we are hoping to have RPC at the Planning Commission meeting next week. Councilor Churchwell asked if that information will be brought back to council to vote on. Mayor Sanders replied, yes several times, this will be a long process involving the Commission and the Council. Mayor Sanders called for any additional discussion. 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-05.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance numbering Council Places. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2008-13.

Councilors Tanner and Cochran both gave reports on their attendance of the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. Both Councilors stated that they attended many Roundtable discussions and met with Senators Shelby and Sessions. Both councilors recommended sending representatives again next year.

New Business: None

Mayor Sanders suspended rules and introduced special guest Bill Voight, JeffCo Office of Senior Citizens.

Mr. Voight introduced Eloise Staples, Nutrition Coordinator for Jefferson County Senior Citizens Center. Both explained the procedure of opening and operating a Senior Citizens Center.

Public Comment:

1.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Nothing was mentioned about a possible reward for information on the "Hit List", has anything been done?

Mayor Sanders stated that it has been mentioned to the SRO's and they will let us know if this is possible.

2.) Don Crotwell, Oak Street. Discussed noise issues in his neighborhood.

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

Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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