

Council Minutes
May 15, 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, May 15, 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

Absent:
Councilor McCain

Minutes:

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the May 1, 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 May 1, 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.”

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$40,427.79. BJC Animal Control for \$655.00; Mayer Electric for \$233.06; Birmingham Water Works for \$344.76; Regions Visa for \$490.73; Alacourt.com. for \$107.00; Smith Roofing for \$225.00; Nextel for \$292.48; Trussville Utilities for \$267.61; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; Birmingham News for \$156.75; Anne’s Cans for \$100.00; Church Chair for \$4,495.00; Hand Arendall for \$4,852.57; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$490.00; Marvelyn Deese for \$200.00; Jo Green for \$150.00; Jane Wade for \$150.00; Craig’s Lawn Service for \$875.00; Stone & Sons Elec. For \$9,800.00; Regions for \$3,854.18; Don’s Carpet One for \$12,090.00; Call-A-Haul for \$428.00; Alabama Power for \$105.65. 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”.

Councilor Tanner announced the Finance Committee Meeting will be May 29, 2008, @ 6:30 p.m. @ City Hall.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Birmingham Water Works, Betty Oden, and the Jefferson County Commission, located at Highway 151, 6671 Highway 75, and VFW Road and Rudd School 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.

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 2008-16.

Councilor Churchwell reported that the referendum vote was held on May 6, 2008. There were 17 eligible voters, only 5 voted with results being 4 in favor and 1 against. The property has now been annexed into the incorporated City limits.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the only major businesses not in the corporate City limits are: McDonald's; Rite Aid; Chevron (Sweeney Hollow & Hwy 79); and Texaco & Taco Bell.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran reported that 28 lights at the major intersections have been repaired/replaced at a cost of \$9,800.00. VFW Road, which has now become a part of the City through the referendum vote, is in need of some significant repairs. We have roads and streets money available, earmarked specifically for that. We are going to look at getting some bids to make some of those repairs

Education: Councilor Churchwell attended the Sports Grant ceremony at Kermit Johnson Elementary. The Sports Grant was given by Gopher Sport, a company out of Minnesota. This was a nationwide contest, there were 744 entries. Mr. Nelson, owner of Gopher Sports, made the presentation to Kermit Johnson.

Councilor Churchwell added that he and Mrs. Churchwell also attended a banquet with the Pinson Valley Band Boosters, in which the Pinson Valley Marching Chiefs presented the City Council with an Appreciation award.

Mayor Sanders reported that there were 3 students in Jefferson County that scored high on the College Entrance ACT Exam, 2 of which were from Rudd Middle School. John Middleton, Jr., and Emily Dennen. The other student was from Clay Chalkville Middle School.

The Band Boosters "Ride in the Valley" event will be held on May 31, 2008, in the parking lot of City Hall.

Enhancements: Mayor Sanders reported on the “Movie in the Park” which was a success with an attendance in excess of 200 people.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to offer 2 more “Movie in the Park” nights over the summer. Councilor Tanner 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 unanimously”

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders reported that he has received a quote and drawings for the Council Platform; Conference room table; and Sofa tables for Council Chambers at the 4410 building. Councilor Cochran made a motion to purchase all, pending council approval on the design for the platform. 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 purchase 4 Blinds from AVBCO for the 4410 building. Councilor Tanner 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 Shelnuttt made a motion to accept the bid for a Metal Roof from Smith Roofing, for the 4410 building. 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.” Mayor Sanders added that we will pay 50% of the quote when Smith Roofing begins the job. Mayor Sanders added that 50% will be \$13,725.00.

Mayor Sanders stated that our Community Block Grant automatically renews unless we advise them that we want to pursue that on our own. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders “Let the record reflect that there was no motion made to withdraw from the Grant Cooperative.”

Mayor Sanders announced that special recognition of Korean POW, Newton J. Duke will be held, June 7, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at Gardendale First Baptist Church. Mr. Duke is a resident of the Palmerdale area.

Old Business:

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution directing the Mayor to execute a contract with Harrison Engineering Company in regards to a sidewalk for Highway 75 near Pinson Valley High School. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any 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 Shelnuttt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-11.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Supreme Lawn Care. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-10.

New Business: Mayor Sanders presented an ordinance regulating Fireworks stands for first reading.

Mayor Sanders introduced Ken Gomany, Jefferson County Treasurer. Mr. Gomany presented Council with a check in the amount of \$1,264.22, from Sheriff Mike Hale's Special Service Fund. This money is to be used for law enforcement purposes.

Mayor Sanders presented a resolution to establish the position of elected officials assistant (assistant to the Mayor Pro-Tempore), for first reading.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to purchase enhanced lighting for the Deputies cars. Councilor Tanner 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 unanimously."

Public Comment:

1.) John Harrison, 3709 Fitzgerald Mountain Drive. Concerning the roofing, I have always been advised not to pay anything up front when entering into a contract, they should bill you.

2.) Jack Chandler, 4267 Walnut Street. Feels that the roofer, if bonded, would take care of any problem.

3.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Mr. Duke worked under Pete for a while then became his boss. Mr. Duke is a fine man.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

May15, 2008 Minutes Adopted _____

