

Council Minutes  
June 5, 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, June 5, 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 Shelnut

**Minutes:**

Councilor Tanner made a motion to waive the reading of the May 15, 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 15, 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 \$8,202.28. John Churchwell for \$66.00; Hoyt Sanders for \$128.36; Joe Cochran for \$183.99; Trussville Utilities for \$114.08; Moore Coal Co. for \$60.50; AT&T for \$451.10; Alabama Power for \$992.14; Nextel for \$221.50; JCMCA for \$25.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$128.00; Payroll for \$2,829.31; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$705.00; Action Painting for \$675.00; Supreme Lawn Care for \$1,050.00; Call-A-Haul for \$428.00; Dawn Tanner for \$37.30. 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 first reading of the City of Pinson budget for 2008-2009.

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell reported that the filing of the annexations with the Department of Justice is in process by our attorneys and will be sent to the Department of Justice for approval. This is a process that we have to do every year on all annexations that we approve.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that because of this we will not have any occupied annexations until after the last election.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran reported that the Main Street graffiti case had been adjudicated. The four individuals that were found guilty are to pay certain amounts to the business owners. Councilor Cochran added that there are some areas that had graffiti that these individuals were not responsible for.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to clean up additional road areas with graffiti at a cost of \$350.00-\$500.00. 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”.

Councilor Cochran mentioned the Wachovia Bank robbery and thanked Deputy Hannah for his efforts in apprehending the robbery suspects within 15 minutes after the robbery.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to pave VFW Road at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00. Councilor Churchwell 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 authorize sponsorship of Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department New Detective Training at a cost of \$295.00. 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”.

**Education:** Councilor Cochran spoke at the 2008 Pinson Valley High School graduation ceremony. Councilor Cochran added that scholarships presented to this class totaled over one million dollars.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the City has received a thank you notes from; the Pinson Elementary School Classroom Makeover Class; and PTA for the Deputies assistance in Field Day.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain announced that the next Movie in the Park will be held on June 20, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at P.H.C.C. The movie that will be shown is “Horton Hears a Who”. Councilor McCain added that Little Caesars will be sponsoring this movie.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders announced that there will be a Work Session on Monday, June 9 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at 4410 Main Street. The purpose of this Work Session is to discuss the layout of the council platform.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Birmingham Water Works Board will be replacing the water lines at Drycreek and Glenbrook. Mayor Sanders has been advised that once this is done, we will need a pressure regulator along with some other plumbing items for the building at 6230 Drycreek Lane.

Councilor Cochran made a motion authorizing the Mayor to proceed with the plumbing work as needed. 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".

Mayor Sanders announced that there will be a Special Recognition Program for P.O.W. Newton Duke held Saturday, June 7, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Gardendale, at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution of recognition of Newton Duke's service to the United States of America and his sacrifices that allow freedom to ring in the City of Pinson and beyond. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders call 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-12.**

Mayor Sanders announced the Planning Commission will meet Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at 4410 Main Street.

Councilor McCain attended a GIS Class that is held monthly. Councilor McCain stated that any of the Councilors or Planning Commission members can attend free.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Sanders, as well as the other council members reported on their attendance of the League of Municipalities Convention which was held May 17-20, 2008, at the BJCC.

Councilor Tanner, which has already accomplished her certification with the League of Municipalities, offered her congratulations to Mayor Sanders, Councilor Cochran, Councilor Churchwell and Councilor McCain for their accomplishment in completing their certification as Certified Municipal Officials. Their formal graduation will be held in July.

Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance to regulate sale and use of Pyrotechnics in the City of Pinson, Alabama. Councilor McCain 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2008-17.**

Councilor Cochran made a motion to purchase a built in sound system for, 4410 Main Street, from Music Alley at a cost of \$5,869.00. 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”.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution to establish the position of elected official’s assistant (assistant to the Mayor Pro-Tempore). Councilor Churchwell 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-13.**

Mayor Sanders presented a resolution altering the location of the City Hall of the City of Pinson, Alabama and the office of the Mayor, for first reading.

**New Business:** Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution commending the Jefferson County Commission in their confirmation of non-user sewer fees and their avoidance of rate increase. 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-14.**

Mayor Sanders stated that in 2004 we set our qualification fees for the 2004 election at \$25.00. Mayor Sanders asked for the will of council. After discussion from council, no motion was offered to amend the current fee structure of \$25.00. Therefore the 2004 ordinance remains in effect for the 2008 elections.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to have formal pictures of council produced for display in the new council chambers. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Councilor Cochran amended the motion to include framing and placing plaques on the pictures. Motion was accepted as amended by Councilor Tanner. 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 made a motion to have the Highway 75 right-a-way, next to Wachovia, cut prior to City Hall Open House. 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.”

**Public Comment:**

1.) L.C. Dennis, 6709 Lakesedge Lane. Thanked council for their service over the last 4 years. Do we have an ordinance that applies to non-operative vehicles?

Mayor Sanders asked Mr. Dennis to give him the information about the vehicles after the meeting.

2.) Brad Walker, 5254 Dug Hollow Road. Thanked council for the resolution concerning the Jefferson County Commission. Regarding Pinson Main Street, can council put an ordinance in place to encourage property owners to keep up their property?

Mayor Sanders stated that we do have certain rights concerning the property. One of the seminars at the League of Municipalities Convention that the mayor attended addressed some Old Town revitalization, and that is one item that the mayor will be working on soon.

3.) Bill Dooley, Palmerdale. Why are they spending money in additions to the High School rather than building one school. Would like a Wal-mart update.

Mayor Sanders stated that the Board of Education would make those decisions. Councilor Cochran stated that Wal-mart found that they had lost 3% growth. Wal-mart is very saturated in the Southeast, so they are looking at West coast markets. This doesn't mean that the Wal-mart project is dead, but shelved for some time. Possibly once the economy takes an upward turn, we could approach Wal-mart again.

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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**June 5, 2008 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**