

Council Minutes  
July 17, 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, July 17, 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 Cochran made a motion to accept the correction of the June 19, 2008, minutes. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders “Correction accepted”.

Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the July 3, 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 July 3, 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.”

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$65,652.36. Regional Planning Commission for \$15,000.00; Birmingham Water Works for \$126.13; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$540.00; Alabama Power for \$1,447.49; FLIX for \$1,250.00; BJC Animal Control for \$540.00; Regions Visa for \$370.75; Alabama League of Municipalities for \$2,327.26; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; Alacourt for \$107.00; Jefferson County Finance for \$12,612.85; Hand Arendall for \$3,977.00; P.V.Y.A.-Baseball & Softball 2008 for \$2,574.00; Marie Turner for \$10.98; Alabama Department of Industrial Relations for \$185.14; Regions for \$3,854.18; Smith Roofing for \$17,625.00; Craig’s Lawn Service for \$1,566.25; Supreme Lawn Care for \$580.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$250.00; Alabama Power for \$135.33; Call-A-Haul for \$508.00. 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 passed unanimously”.

**Annexation:** None.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran reported that there was an arrest made in the robbery of Movie Gallery. Deputy Hannah was involved in that process, as well as an arrest of the Copper Vandal.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Board of Education will hold a Town Hall meeting on, August 10, 2008, at 3:00 P.M. at New Covenant Church.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to release \$700.00 from the Pinson Valley High School allocation to the Pinson Valley High School Cheerleaders for supplies needed. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that Ms. Brown is in agreement and supports this. 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”.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain announced that the final Movie in the Park will be held on July 18, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at P.V.Y.A. complex, sponsored by Alabama Power Company and The City of Pinson. The movie that will be shown will be Spiderman 3.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders announced a possible Work Session on, July 31, 2008, to discuss enhancements of City Hall.

Mayor Sanders reported that Mrs. Pam King will be in attendance of the, August 21, 2008, meeting to present the finished draft of the Historical District.

Mayor Sanders announced that there will be an Auction on, July 21, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to auction off the abandoned car.

Mayor Sanders stated that he is required by law to advise the outcome of the end of Municipal Candidate Qualification. The Mayor, Seat 2, 4,& 5, have no opposition. Mayor Sanders, “Let the record reflect that I have duly notified Council in writing, pursuant to the Code of Alabama”. Mayor Sanders added, “Therefore, on August 7, 2008, we will have the Certificates of Election for those four individuals”.

**Old Business:** Mayor Sanders stated that Council Portraits have been taken and Council will now begin to settle on those and display them at City Hall.

**New Business:** Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to request opinions from the Alabama Attorney General concerning the provision of benefits to (I) The Palmedale Homestead Community Center, and (II) The Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders called 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 08-19.**

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution appointing Election Officials for Pinson's 2008 Election Cycle. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-20.**

Councilor McCain offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application for any appropriate Historic Marker for the City. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders call for any discussion. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 08-21.**

Councilor Shelnutt discussed setting guidelines for reimbursement of expenses for training and conferences. Councilor Cochran stated that he is in favor of setting certain guidelines, but feels that we should table the discussion until the next meeting to allow everyone to research the information. Mayor Sanders stated that this will lay until the next meeting.

Councilor Shelnutt would like to put into place mass emails to inform those interested in the community events or the agenda for the City Council meetings, etc. Councilor Shelnutt added that he felt the mass emails would be a good service to our citizens. Councilor Cochran stated that he would be happy to do that, but added that we are posting our agenda before each meeting on the City's web site as well as the minutes once they are approved, so anyone with internet access can already view those items. Councilor Shelnutt and Councilor Cochran will look at the process of creating mass emails and will report on this at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) John Harrison, 3709 Fitzgerald Mountain Drive. Updated everyone on the status of the Sidewalk Grant.
- 2.) Patsy Shelnutt, Palmerdale. Announced that P.H.C.C. will host a Candidate Forum on, August 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The Butterbean Festival is coming up and need volunteers to help with clean up.
- 3.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Asked when the sign ordinance will be enforced.  
Mayor Sanders stated, we do enforce the ordinance and we do remove the signs.
- 4.) Jack Chandler, 4267 Walnut Street. Mentioned the condition of the Branch behind the Civitan Building.

- 5.) Councilor Churchwell mentioned that Mr. Hyche had presented Council with information regarding Special needs for the Children in Pinson area schools.
- 6.) Bill Dooley. Can we do something to honor Blake Hand?  
Mayor Sanders stated that it has been mentioned, but at this time we don't have a place to honor anyone.

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 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**July 17, 2008 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**