

Council Minutes  
August 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, August 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 August 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 August 21, 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 \$20,919.04. United Flagpole for \$720.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$855.00; Alabama Power for \$1,568.56; Jefferson Co. Finance Dept. for \$12,612.85; Smith Roofing for \$350.00; Birmingham Water Works for \$66.51; Mayer Electric for \$178.10; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; BJC Animal Control for \$1,028.75; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance-R/O/W mowing for \$285.00; Craig’s Lawn Service for \$1,176.25; Supreme Lawn Care for \$550.00; Call-A-Haul for \$1,463.02. 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:** Councilor Churchwell reported that we have received pre-clearance from the Department of Justice for annexations dating, July 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008. Councilor Churchwell spoke from the Birmingham News, The D.O.J. has approved 27 annexations for the City of Alabaster from 2004 through December 2007. The one pre-clearance that just received approval from the D.O.J. for Pinson had a total of 86 properties that were annexed, 21 of which were included in one annexation form. This brings in an additional 206 residents, of which 133 are qualified voters.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran mentioned he is getting a proposal ready to bring to Council regarding possible 24 hour surveillance system in the business district. The systems looked at have been wireless cameras with high resolution which the deputies can view remotely and to give the deputies an opportunity to go back and review videos in crime situations. There would be 15-25 cameras throughout the business district.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders commented on the Board of Education Town Hall meeting which was held on, August 10, 2008.

Mayor Sanders mentioned the outdoor lab coming to Kermit Johnson through a grant, as well as the sports grant and many other things going on in our schools.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain announced the Christmas tree lighting will be Friday December 5, 2008, and the Christmas Parade will be Saturday December 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Councilor McCain added that the Grand Marshall will be Newton Duke, P.O.W Veteran.

Councilor McCain made a motion to purchase 4 Snowflake decorations for Main Street and a 15 foot pre-lit Christmas tree for use at Triangle Park. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner asked if the snowflakes will be placed at the red light. Councilor McCain replied, we already have wreaths for the red light, so the snowflakes will be placed toward old downtown. Mayor Sanders call for any further 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”.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders mentioned that at the work session, replacing the conference room window was discussed. Mayor Sanders has acquired a quote for \$4,900.00 to replace the window. Councilor Churchwell asked about replacing both windows on that side of City Hall, one in the conference room and one in council chambers. Councilor Tanner stated that the decorator did recommend that both windows be replaced at the same time.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to replace both windows at the same time. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Sanders call for all opposed say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the motion passed unanimously”.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Dias for the new council chamber is running behind. We have talked about an open house once the Dias is in place. We are planning in the September, October, November, time frame some open houses/planning Charets with RPC regarding our Master Plan, which would in theory take place before our open house.

Mayor Sanders reported that Mrs. Pam King will be in attendance at the, September 18, 2008, meeting to present the finished draft of the Historical District.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that Turkey Creek Preserve partnership is seeking minimal assistance some of the organizations involved are S.T.A.R.T., Landtrust state dept. of land fish and wildlife Birmingham Southern and the City.

The Election is Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at Pinson United Methodist Church. Councilor Churchwell and Mayor Sanders will be at City Hall for further assistance for example handle annexation forms, maps, etc.

Councilor Shelnut, asked if there is enough parking for future elections at City Hall. Mayor Sanders, yes but the league does not recommend having elections at City Hall the only people in the polling place should only be the workers.

Mayor Sanders reported on the Mayors meeting, regarding the Sewer Situation. The Mayors Association had a resolution which did pass for those that voted, Mayor Sanders did abstain because he didn't have enough information.

**Old Business:** Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution amending resolution 08-20 approved July 17, 2008, regarding Election Officials for Pinson's 2008 Election Cycle. This is to change the Chief Inspector to Katherine Middleton and Assistant Inspector to Marvelyn Deese and to strike Ron McElveen and add Karen Norum. Mr. McElveen will be out of town on Election Day. 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 Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously, as Resolution number 08-26.**

Councilor Cochran mentioned that he is still looking into the Vicious Dog Ordinance.

Councilor Shelnut mentioned the Walking Trail at Pinson Valley High School, the lake behind the school has a trail already. If we could possibly put a road in beside the high school to give public access back to the lake. We will need to put something in writing to the Board of Education in order to move forward. Councilor Shelnut made a motion to approach the Board of Education about building a road beside the high school to give public access to the walking trail around the lake. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Councilor Tanner, where would the road come from, Tapawingo side? Councilor Shelnut, I would think Tapawingo side. 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 Shelnut made a motion to put the Sidewalk Project on hold. Councilor McCain is from a livable cities grant for the people in Innsbrooke. Councilor Churchwell asked if the Sidewalk project be stopped and can the grant be used for something else? Mayor Sanders no, this is a livable cities grant so it would be lost if we chose not to do

the sidewalk. Councilor Cochran would not recommend stopping this at this point, but I think that Councilor Shelnutt was really saying is that we are going to have to match this grant with \$15,000 to \$20,000 if we decided to throw that project out we could use that money and apply it to this. Mayor Sanders called for a second to the motion. Mayor Sanders, motion fails due to lack of second.

**New Business:** Councilor Cochran offered a first reading on a Nuisance pet ordinance.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution directing the Mayor to close the City checking account known as the "Improvement Fund". Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Councilor Churchwell asked how much is still in that account? Mayor Sanders, \$300.00 approximately. Councilor Churchwell asked if the money would be put into the General fund? Mayor Sanders, no, we will apply it toward the next renovation bill. 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 08-27.**

Mayor Sanders offered a first reading regarding a BINGO ordinance.

Councilor Cochran mentioned that the Butterbean Festival is coming up and there will be another clean up day on Saturday August 23, 2008.

Councilor Tanner mentioned that on August 30, 2008 there will be a Football Jamboree at P.V.Y.A. beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Sanders recognized Mike O'Toole with the Pinson Valley Athletic Boosters

Mr. O'Toole spoke concerning the Athletic Boosters. The Athletic Boosters would like the City to give any money donated to the Athletic Department directly to the Boosters Club rather than going through the County. Mayor Sanders stated that we can't. Mr. O'Toole asked that we find another way to do this. The Boosters are setting up a tent to "Tailgate" at each home game. The Boosters are asking the Council to help them in anyway they can.

**Public Comment:** None

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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**August 21, 2008 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**

