

Council Minutes
October 16, 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, October 16, 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: To be approved at the November 6, 2008, meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$31,207.85. Birmingham Water Works for \$197.69; Pete Chandler-Labor /Mat'l replace ceiling tiles at 4410 bldg. for \$224.00; Action Painting for \$425.00; Security-PVHS/Huffman Football game for \$330.00; Cande Sanders-reimbursement for pictures for 4410 bldg. for \$138.16; Alacourt for \$107.00; Regions Visa for \$681.24; Pikes Plumbing for \$722.50; Mayer Electric for \$712.26; Lyle Arrington for \$65.00; Alabama Power for \$1,291.46; ES&S-General & Run-off election supplies for \$7,489.58; BJC Animal Control for \$896.25; Jefferson Co. Finance Dept. for \$12,612.85; Quarterly P/R Taxes for \$89.50; RTS Construction-Windows at 4410 replaced for \$4,900.00; Alabama Power-Streetlights for \$135.36; Call-A-Haul for \$190.00. 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: Councilor Churchwell mentioned that we have received several annexation request forms both commercial and residential and we are working on these.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the Mayor to explore installation of Fire Lanes in non-conforming areas. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that this is fire lane enforcement in larger shopping areas. Councilor Cochran added that we already have an ordinance in place to deal with this, but we are just asking the Mayor to go out and take care of making it possible to enforce the ordinance. Mayor Sanders asked for any further discussion. As there was none, 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 Tanner announced that the Lady Indians Basketball team will have a Pancake Breakfast on October 18, 2008, from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Golden Rule. The cost is \$6.00 per person and includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage and juice.

Councilor Cochran announced the PVHS Homecoming Parade, Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 4:30 pm. The parade will begin at the Winn Dixie parking lot and end at Pinson Valley High School. Councilor Cochran added that Rudd Middle School’s Homecoming game is Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at PVHS.

Enhancements: Mayor Sanders announced the Christmas tree lighting will be Friday, December 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. and the Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders mentioned that he attended the Phase 1 Dedication ceremony at the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. There have been numerous improvements, installing a proper parking area and converting the improper parking area to a beautiful green space and walkway. That was a very proud moment for us.

Mayor Sanders authorized expenses for Thomas Simmons, Planning and Zoning Commission member, to attend a Sign and Manufactured Housing Seminar in Guntersville, with no objections from council.

Old Business: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to accept a resolution to form a Main Street Task Force. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that he applauds this resolution; we have had conversations with business owners/property owners for several months now. Councilor Churchwell stated that as he mentioned at the last meeting we have been talking about Main Street for at least 6 months. The Mayor and Councilor Cochran have already done some work on Main Street improvements. Councilor Churchwell continued; we should get the results from Ms. King’s report tonight. I’m not against the project I just felt that the timing was just not right. This resolution is ten times better than the one that was presented last time. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 2008-33.

Mayor Sanders stated that we do now have illuminated flag poles at Triangle Park and City Hall.

New Business: Mayor Sanders mentioned the possibility of having our 4410 Open House on November 16th.

Mayor Sanders stated that the asbestos survey on the houses set for demolition revealed asbestos siding on all three structures. Tomlin Excavating secured 2 quotes on our behalf, one was \$9,775.00 the other \$7,250.00 for removal of the asbestos siding on all three houses. Mayor Sanders suggest that we accept the lower bid. Councilor Cochran made a motion to accept the lower bid. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked 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”.

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Jefferson County for District Grant Funds. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that this is a Community Block Grant that was awarded to the City of Pinson from Commissioner Collins office \$9,600.00. This money will be used to pay for our sound equipment at the 4410 building as well as the donation of a pick up truck. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main resolution, with the Mayor abstaining, with the following results: Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passed unanimously as Resolution number 08-34.

Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance regarding curfew hours, enforcement, and penalties for violation of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Councilor Tanner 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 Shelnutt-no; Councilor Churchwell-yes. Mayor Sanders, unanimous consent fails the ordinance lays until next time.

Mayor Sanders stated that there will be a potential work session on October 30th around 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. to discuss some long range planning.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to authorize the purchase of the necessary signs for our parking lot and council entrance. 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 Cochran made a motion to remove the old Caraway sign. 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”.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow Ms. Pam King to give her final Historical report.

Ms. King presented her final report to council which will now be sent to the Alabama Historical Commission to be reviewed and put on the agenda for the Alabama Review

Board. If the districts have to be prioritized she will prioritize as follows: Palmerdale District, Main Street/Downtown District, Pinson Hills District. Councilor Churchwell asked what kind of time frame to complete. Ms. King stated that it would be at least the spring maybe even June before anything could be reviewed by the Alabama Review Board, then they have 30 days to get it ready to go to Washington, so within the year we could have all 3 districts reviewed.

Mayor Sanders reinstated the rules.

Public Comment: None.

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

Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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