

Council Minutes
January 29, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Mayor Sanders led the invocation. Councilor 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 Shelnut
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Mayor Sanders suspended rules.

Mayor Sanders introduced Rep. Allen Treadaway, District 51.

Rep. Treadaway stated that he had secured a \$20,000.00 grant from the Governors office for the Pinson Valley High School Computer Lab. Rep. Treadaway mentioned that he had visited P.V.H.S. 2 months ago and was very impressed, but noticed that the computer room had no computers. This grant money will be used to purchase the computers needed. Rep. Treadaway also mentioned our Legislation has a Recall Bill in place which states that only Municipal Elected Officials are subject to recall. Rep. Treadaway has researched this bill and will put a bill in that will subject **all** elected officials to recall, not just Municipal officials. This is puts the power back in the hands of the citizens, so that maybe the elected officials will give some thought to the citizens that sent them to Montgomery.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Minutes: Councilor Shelnut made a motion to waive the reading of the January 15, 2009, 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 January 15, 2009, 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 \$8,979.34. Hoyt Sanders-reimburse probate items; tag/title app. for \$65.66; Quarterly P/R Taxes for \$228.06; Lyle Arrington for \$230.00; AT&T for \$449.33; Security-PVHS Basketball 1/16/09 & 1/20/09 for \$480.00; Alabama Power for \$1,389.34; Hand Arendall

for \$3,238.50; United Flagpole for \$63.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$770.00; Craig's Lawn Service for \$1,497.50; Alabama Power Christmas Lights for \$69.73; Call-A-Haul for \$437.72; Moore Coal Co. for \$60.50. 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".

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Howton Family Investments, LLC, located at Highway 75/West Hill Road/Marsh Mountain 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; Councilor McCain-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; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-03.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Valley East Baptist Church (Formerly 9th Avenue Baptist), located on Main Street/Bud Holmes Road at Cobblestone Court. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed into the City of Pinson. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

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Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-04.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran mentioned that we have had the lettering done on the new Tahoe.

Councilor Cochran stated that there are several events coming up at PVHS and we are working with School Administration for security at those events.

Education: Mayor Sanders added that we plan to recognize Rudd Football Team, County Champions, at the 2nd meeting in February.

Mayor Sanders announced that the Education meeting will be held on February 9, 2009, at 6 p.m. at P.V.H.S, plans are to meet in the new Fieldhouse.

Enhancements: Councilor McCain announced that City Fest will be held March 28, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders mentioned that he will be accepting resumes for the vacancy on the Planning Commission until, January 29, 2009. This is to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Dennis. Mayor Sanders and Mr. Harrison, Planning Commission Chairman, will conduct the interviews.

Old Business: Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Sheriff of Jefferson County. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main 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 09-02.

Mayor Sanders, "Let the record reflect, an ordinance to provide for the issuance of a \$150,000.00 Taxable General Warrant of the City of Pinson, Alabama, has been presented as first reading."

Mayor Sanders mentioned that we have received an Attorney Generals Opinion and Attorney Black will be here on February 5, 2009, to report on this.

Councilor Cochran offered a first reading on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Alabama Butterbean Festival/Palmerdale Homestead Community Center. Mayor Sanders "Let the record reflect that the resolution has been so introduced."

Councilor McCain reported that the Enhancement Committee discussed sending out a Newsletter quarterly, because not everyone gets the newspaper or has a computer. The newsletter would be mailed to every house. Also, we found out that the area is a little to rural to have recycling house to house so we would have to have it at the City Hall which is a little to high right now. If we have the newsletter, we could also give citizens information as to where they could take their recyclable items. If we are going to send out newsletters, we will need to purchase a bulk mailing permit. Councilor McCain made a motion to purchase a bulk mailing permit for the 35126 mailing area at a cost of \$360.00 for the first year, plus .11 to .16 cents for each item mailed. 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."

New Business: Mayor Sanders, "Let the record reflect that a first reading on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to investigate a possible nuisance has been presented".

Councilor McCain offered first reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license contract with Solid Rock Church. Mayor Sanders “Let the record reflect that resolution has been offered for first reading for consideration next week.”

Councilor Cochran made a motion to provide a dumpster and pad for Turkley Creek Nature Preserve and a streetlight at the cul-de-sac at the preserve. 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 Tanner made a motion to provide a streetlight on Tapawingo at P.V.H.S. 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”.

Public Comment:

1. Taylor Steel, Manager at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Building the interpretive education center. Schools have started to book tours. Thanked the Sheriffs department for their help. Invited everyone out to visit. The hours are 7:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. now; beginning in March 7:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.; then summer 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.
2. Elizabeth Rieff, 241 St. John Drive. Asking for additional patrolling of the neighborhood.
3. Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Would like to suggest the the 2 Tahoes be put under a canopy to keep them out of the weather. Also, wanted to comment on the leaning flagpole located in Triangle Park. Mayor Sanders reported that we have secured United Flagpole to repair the leaning pole.

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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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