

Council Minutes
July 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, July 16, 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 Shelnett
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the July 2, 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 July 2, 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 \$15,363.09. Regions Visa for \$3,594.79; Annes Cans for \$130.00; Campbell’s Paving-dumpster pad community center for \$1,180.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$820.00; Lyle Arrington for \$95.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$120.00; Hand Arendall for \$4,025.17; B’ham Water Works for \$82.60; Dixie Decorations for \$831.00; Jeff Hall-Security TCNP 7/5 & 7/11 for \$350.00; Jeff Hannah-Security TCNP 7/4 & 7/12 for \$350.00; FLIX for \$1,250.00; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,550.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$350.00; Alabama Power-streetlights for \$227.53; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; Call-A-Haul for \$300.00; 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.”

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the city has been reimbursed for storm damage expenses in the amount of \$3,600.00 from EMA. These expenses were incurred from the April 2009 storm.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Jefferson County Commission, located at Sweeney Hollow Road and Sweeney Hollow Circle. 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 2009-24.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Phillip E & Tina R. Merrell, located at 5812 Walnut Grove Road. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed into the City of Pinson. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

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Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

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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 2009-25.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Martha Adeline Waid, John A & Stacy Mooney and Johnny Mack Rogers/Fay Rogers Hughes, located at 6878 and 6866 Bradshaw Lane. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed into the City of Pinson. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion.

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Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

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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 2009-26.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran made a motion requesting \$3,100.00 for Palmerdale Fire District to help with the purchase of equipment. 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 made a motion requesting \$400.00 for Center Point Fire District for the Honor Flight Program. 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.”

Education: Mayor Sanders mentioned that the High School Golf Team will be hosting a Scramble on July 27th at Cumberland Country Club. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Hudson.

Enhancements: Councilor McCain mentioned that next year the Movies in the Park may all be held in the month of May.

Mayors Report: Councilor Cochran made a motion to approve expenses for the City Clerk to attend City Clerk Training at the University of Alabama, August 5-7, 2009. 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.”

Old Business: Councilor Tanner offered an ordinance granting a gas franchise to the Marshall County Gas District, its successors and assigns, in the City of Pinson, Alabama. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion.

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Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-27.

Councilor Shelnett spoke to his request of a conceptual drawing for a Cross County/Walking Trail to be located around the lake behind Pinson Valley High School. Councilor Shelnett presented Council with the proposed cost for Phase 1 of the Trail and mentioned that there will be 2 additional phases to this project. Mayor Sanders and Council discussed in length several points concerning this proposed project. Council asked that Councilor Shelnett have someone with Land Trust come to the next Council meeting with a presentation regarding this project.

New Business: Mayor Sanders announced that there will be a Work Session, Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Sanders mentioned that we need to name these Work Sessions. After Council discussion, it was decided that the meetings will be referred to as “Town Hall Work Session”.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution declaring August as trash awareness and beautification month. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked for any discussion. As there was no discussion 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 Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 09-17.

Mayor Sanders declared August 15, 2009, as “Clean Up Day”.

Councilor McCain displayed the new Banners for the Small Towns celebration that will be held in 2010. The Enhancements Committee purchased 2 banners with proceeds from the CityFest T-shirt sales and has plans to purchase 4 more.

Mayor Sanders asked Commercial Development Attorney Greg Morris to speak to Economic growth in our community.

Attorney Morris stated that there is very little growth in our area due to the recession that the country has been in over the last 15 months. The main problem is that there is no money to loan. Attorney Morris is hopeful that the 4th quarter of 2010 may bring change.

Public Comment:

- 1.) James R. Hyche, 5944 Miles Spring Road. Made presentation regarding Emergency Parking Lanes and the No Parking Ordinance.
- 2.) John Harrison, 3709 Fitzgerald Mountain Road. Thanked Council for approving the funds to help with the Honor Flight Program. Mr. Harrison is waiting to hear whether or not he will be on the next Honor Flight.
- 3.) Hana Burwinkle, Storm Water Management Authority. Ms. Burwinkle displayed the Storm Water Markers that will be used in our community to mark the storm drains. There are 400 storm drains in our city and SWMA will provide 150 of the storm drain markers. Ms. Burwinkle is working with a Boy Scout that would like to provide additional markers and the labor for marking the drains as his Eagle Scout Project.
- 4.) Bill Dooley, Brookwood Road. Will Mr. Hyche get an answer to the questions he has asked regarding the No Parking Ordinance? Councilor Cochran stated that he has answered Mr. Hyche several times and the answer has been consistently “No”. Mr. Dooley asked the cost of the offense? Mayor Sanders replied \$50.00.

- 5.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Can the Electronic sign be slowed down, it is changing too fast. Mayor Sanders, yes, we are still experimenting with the timing on the sign.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to enter into executive session for purpose to discuss trade and commerce. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

Attorney Greg Morris, according to the Alabama Open Meetings Law, I provide certification that this Executive Session is necessary to discuss trade and commerce information that would be detrimental if not discussed in executive session.

Mayor Sanders asked for any discussion. As there was none, Mayor Sanders called for all opposed say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Mayor Sanders said we will enter Executive session and will not reconvene other than to entertain a motion to adjourn. Mayor Sanders added that we will progress leisurely to the conference room, feel free to talk with us if you would like.

Mayor Sanders called council out of executive session.

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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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