

Council Minutes  
August 20, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, August 20, 2009. Mayor Sanders led the invocation. Life Scout Clay McAlpin, BSA Troop 11, 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

**Minutes:** Councilor Shelnut made a motion to waive the reading of the August 6, 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 August 6, 2009, 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 \$15,430.49. Vern Pitts-concrete TCNP for \$251.40; Lyle Arrington for \$670.00; AT&T for \$469.88; Commercial Printing for \$3,305.01; Ed’s Lock & Key for \$300.00; Pete Chandler-Pressure wash curbs/sidewalks City Hall for \$457.00; Wilton Reassurance Life Company-reimburse business license fee for \$70.00; Regions Visa for \$1,530.61; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$1,000.00; BJC Animal Control for \$637.50; Birmingham Water Works for \$239.28; UNA-Re-certification Robbie Roberts for \$159.00; Alabama Power for \$1,464.19; Marie Turner-mileage reimbursement for \$85.80; Animal Control Experts for \$100.00; Know Franklin-phone support removal of malware for \$45.00; Jeff Hall-security TCNP 8/9 & 8/16 for \$350.00; Jeff Hannah-security TCNP 8/9 & 8/16 for \$350.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$350.00; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,550.00; Alabama Guardrail for \$780.00; Call-A-Haul for \$1,265.82. 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 Stewart and Treglown have begun the yearly audit.

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell mentioned there are still some businesses that are not in the incorporated city limits and encourages citizens to feel free to encourage the managers of these businesses to annex: McDonalds; Texaco/Taco Bell; Chevron at Highway 79 and Sweeney Hollow.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran mentioned the Highway 79 repaving project that is underway and asks that everyone be aware of the speed limit.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow a presentation from Palmerdale Fire Department.

The Captain explained that with the funds the city had given Palmerdale the Fire Dept. was able to purchase the "Jaws of Life" from the City of Mt. Brook and 2 positive pressure fans that will help with smoke when entering structures on fire 1 fan is for Station 1 and 1 for Station 3.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

**Education:** Tentative Education Committee meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council room.

Councilor Cochran and Councilor Churchwell both attended the P.V.H.S. Fieldhouse Ribbon Cutting. The Councilors were able to tour the facility and commented that attendance of the ceremony was very good.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain mentioned that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on, Friday, December 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., and the Christmas Parade will be held on, Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 2 :00 p.m.

Councilor McCain stated that the Enhancements Committee they have received permission from Solid Rock Church and are planning to remove the Monkey Bars and the Cedar Tree at Triangle Park.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders attended a SWMA/Mayors meeting. SWMA will undertake a contract with the Health Department. The outcome of this meeting is to insure that the EPA regulations are in compliance here in our City.

**Old Business:** Councilor Churchwell made a motion to purchase a combination of desk and credenzas at a cost of \$1,500.00-\$1,600.00. 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."

Councilor Shelnett recognized Ken Story, Athletic Department, Jefferson County Board of Education and Brian Rushing, Freshwater Landtrust. Both Mr. Story and Mr. Rushing were in attendance of the meeting to answer any questions that the Mayor and Council may have concerning the possible Walking/Cross Country Trail, to be located behind the high school/around the lake, which has been discussed at previous meetings.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow for discussion between Mr. Story, Mr. Rushing, and Council.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Councilor Shelnuttt made a motion to have Simmons Surveying prepare a conceptual drawing of the first phase of the Walking/Cross Country Trail at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell stated that he did not see how we could authorize someone to draw a plan when we don't know what the plan is anyway. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the motion with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnuttt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-no; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, motion passes.

**New Business:** Councilor Tanner made a motion to increase the City Clerks pay to \$15.00 per hour and the Mayors Assistant to \$12.00 per hour. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner state that the duties for both positions have increased and neither position has received an increase since 2007. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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 allow Don's Carpet One to install carpet in all five council offices at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00. 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining.”

Councilor Cochran made a motion to purchase a 16ft. tandum trailer at a cost of \$2,400.00. 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.) Eagle Scout Candidate, Clay McAlpin. Explained that his Eagle Scout Leadership Project will be the Storm Water Drain Markers for the City of Pinson. He will be selling Turkey Creek Nature Preserve T-shirts at the Butterbean Festival and he will receive 1/2 of the proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts to go toward the expense of the Storm Water Drain Marker Project. Any donations received above the Eagle Scout Project cost will be donated to the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Education Center. To date there has been \$275.00 raised.

- 2.) Taylor Steel, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Mentioned that the security efforts with Deputy Hall and Deputy Hannah are working well. Also, the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve T-shirt purchase is tax deductible and if you purchase a t-shirt you will also become a "Friends of Turkey Creek" member which means you will receive newsletters about Turkey Creek, as well as discounted tickets to Ecofest that will take place in October.
- 3.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Will the new trailer be parked in a locked location? Can the Senior Citizens use the Civitan Building 1 day a month to play Dominoes and Checkers, etc? Mayor Sanders stated that the trailer will be in a locked location and also gave his permission for the Civitan Building to be used by the Senior Citizens 1 day a month.
- 4.) Cathy Leslie, Pinson News Editor. Will the trail be a Walking Trail or a Cross Country Trail? Councilor Shelnett stated it will be a multi purpose trail.
- 5.) Brad McGuffie. Thanked Taylor Steel for his efforts at Turkey Creek Nature Trail.

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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**August 20, 2009 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**