

Council Minutes  
September 17, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Mayor Sanders led the invocation. Eagle Scout Candidate, Clay McAlpin, 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 September 3, 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 September 3, 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 \$21,661.29. Regional Planning Commission-2010 membership dues for \$3,679.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$795.00; Birmingham Water Works for \$77.20; Jeff Hall-TCNP security 9/6 & 9/14 for \$350.00; Jeff Hannah-security TCNP 9/5 & 9/12 for \$350.00; Chris Sharit security PVHS/Gadsden for \$210.00; ABBF Deputy Security for \$5,820.00; ABBF Fire/Medic for \$5,190.00; BJC Animal Control for \$1,005.00; Mayer Electric for \$119.30; Lyle Arrington for \$95.00; Jefferson Co. Tax Collector for \$15.00; Regions Visa for \$1,090.43; Dixie Decorations for \$250.00; United Flagpole for \$73.50; Jim Brown-Bush Hog work at PVHS for \$200.00; McCain Uniform for \$57.00; Stan Godfrey for \$1,550.00; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; Alabama Power-streetlights for \$277.86; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$350.00. 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 presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Timothy and Pamela Bullock, located at 6221 Summer Side Circle. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed into the City of Pinson. Councilor McCain 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 2009-29.**

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran mentioned the construction that is being done on Highway 79, please be cautious when driving through the area.

Councilor Cochran mentioned that we had no safety incidents at the Alabama Butter Bean Festival. Even with the rain there were pretty good crowds.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders announced that the P.V.H.S. Varsity and Jr. Varsity Volleyball teams made it to the championship game. Both teams achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the tournament. Rachel Hydrick and Cameia Alexander made All Tournament for the JV, while Dominique White and Blakley LeCroy made All Tournament for the Varsity team.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that there will be a Workday at P.V.H.S. on Saturday, September 19, 2009 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

Councilor McCain stated that the City has been receiving a lot of items, pictures, etc., of Pinson and would like to encourage everyone to continue emailing Councilor McCain those items for our collection.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders mentioned that the new utility trailer has been received.

Mayor Sanders stated that carpet installation for the new councilors offices will begin on Monday, September 21, 2009.

**Old Business:** Councilor Cochran offered a resolution regarding the removal of debris from storm drains on public streets within the corporate limits. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked if this would also include the drains on State Highways. Mayor Sanders replied, no because State Highways are always the State's responsibility. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted, with the Mayor abstaining, as Resolution number 09-22.**

**New Business:** Councilor Cochran offered recognition to Mayor Sanders and Councilor Tanner for achieving their Advanced Certified Municipal Officer status.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Pinson Valley Youth Association, increasing the participant amount to \$10.00 per participant. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that in the past the agreement has been for \$7.00 per participant, if this passes agreement will increase from approximately \$7,700.00 last year to approximately \$11,000.00. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that the City had received approximately \$40,000.00 that was not anticipated and we have a reserve already in our budget, this is less than 10% of that amount. Councilor Cochran added that the ballpark expenses will continue to go up so anything we can do that will benefit the children is appropriate. Councilor McCain stated, instead of \$10.00 per participant maybe \$8.50 per participant. Councilor McCain added that she felt that \$10.00 is a little high; maybe we should split the difference. Councilor Churchwell stated that he supports P.V.Y.A. and feels we are giving accordingly. Councilor Churchwell added that the budgeted amount is \$5,000.00, the original agreement of \$7.00 per participant is approximately \$2,700.00 more than what was budgeted, in these times I don't think we can afford this. Councilor Tanner stated that P.V.Y.A. is desperate for money and they are not City sanctioned park. Councilor Tanner added that this is \$3,300.00 and it will be well used. Councilor Tanner stated additionally, that it has taken P.V.Y.A. 3 years to get the concession stand finished, and that she wants to leave the agreement at \$10.00 per participant. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion, as there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote with the following results; Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-abstain; Councilor McCain-no.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted as Resolution number 09-23.**

Mayor Sanders introduced Special Guest Daniel Drennen, Recovery Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Drennen works with the endangered fish and animals through the Endangered Species Act. The Vermillion Darter, Rush Darter, Watercress Darter and the Flat Musk Turtle all reside in the Pinson area and are all endangered species. Mr. Drennen explained that the reason we have these species in our area is because of the ground water and springs in this area. Because of the springs and the constant spring flow it keeps the species thriving, constant good ground water.

Mayor Sanders introduced special guest Hana Burwinkle, Storm Water Management Association and Clay McAlpin, Eagle Scout Candidate. An invitation was extended to the Mayor and Council and anyone else interested in this project to attend the Storm Drain Marker Kick off Event on October 10, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in the Winn Dixie parking lot. Scout McAlpin would like for the Mayor and Council to place some of the first storm drains in the city.

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) Liz Reiff, 241 St. John Dr. Commented that she thinks the \$10.00 per participant fee to be paid to PVYA by the City is not too much to ask to improve the park. It is not up to par with other parks in the area.
- 2.) Phil Sims, 8136 North Valley Road. Alabama Butterbean Festival was very successful this year making an anticipated profit of \$12,000.00. The committee is already working on next year's festival. There were 126 runners in the 5K race, with an estimated festival attendance of 8000. Mr. Sims thanked the City of Pinson for their support of the Alabama Butterbean Festival and would like to continue to partner with the City in coming years.

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

**September 17, 2009 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**