

Council Minutes  
October 1, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, October 1, 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 September 17, 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 17, 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 \$26,184.77. Alapestco for \$250.00; Nextel for \$338.77; AT&T for \$470.25; Jeff Hall-TCNP security 9/20 for \$175.00; Jeff Hannah-security TCNP 9/20 for \$175.00; Jeff Hall security PVHS/Hewitt for \$150.00; Alabama Power for \$2,071.84; Alabama Correctional Industries-podium for \$499.00; Jefferson County Clerk’s Association-2010 Clerk dues for \$30.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$880.00; Payroll for \$5,822.91; Harrison Engineering for \$5,266.00; APEX-Air Conditioner repair Civitan for \$825.00; Regions-mortgage for \$3,854.18; Don’s Carpet One for \$1,755.00; Skipper Consulting for \$1,260.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maintenance for \$350.00; Moore Coal Co. for \$253.50; ACP International for \$208.32; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,550.00. 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, Amon Lee & Reba Grady Emerson, Robert Rivers, Laurie OBerry, Robert Dillahunty, Ray Karl Reese. located at 5980 Tyler Loop Road, 5190 Willow Ridge Drive, 5231 Willow Ridge Lane, 5921 Willow Ridge Road, 5837 Willow Ridge Road. 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 Shelnutty-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 Shelnutty-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-30.**

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran mentioned that the City of Birmingham helped out with some of the storm damage and we appreciate their efforts. Mayor Sanders added that Councilor Cochran and he were able to help out the Fire Department and Deputies with our barricades during the storm.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders stated that the Change for \$1 Campaign is ongoing. This campaign is to raise money for a new sign for the High School.

PVHS Ladies Softball will host a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Trussville, Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 7:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5.00.

PVHS PTSA has reached 100% Faculty participation. The High School is now a Golden Apple School and will receive a certificate for the school and recognition at the State PTA Convention in Montgomery in April 2010.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that he attended an Award Ceremony and Pep Rally at Rudd Middle School, where he accepted a plaque presented to Pinson City Council for Outstanding Community Leadership.

Councilor Cochran mentioned that the PVHS Homecoming game is Friday, October 16, 2009, and the Homecoming Parade is Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 4:30.

Councilor Cochran announced that the Pride of the Valley Marching Festival will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain stated that the new City Flags have been received and are on display for everyone to see.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Sanders stated that the carpet has been installed in the new Councilors offices and that there will be a work date set for moving furniture into the new offices.

Mayor Sanders announced that a Library representative will attend our October 15th meeting to give us information on beginning a Library here in our City.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that after 2 years of working, we have received approval of the Sidewalk project, from ALDOT. The next step is putting this out to bid.

**Old Business:** Mayor Sanders mentioned that he had received approval from the County to do some clearing of the Storm Drains. Mayor Sanders added that he has a vacuum truck with operator for \$200.00/hr.

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to adopt a Travel/Expense form. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked if we were having any problems with this now and are the auditors requiring this? Mayor Sanders answered, no to both questions. 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.”

**New Business:** Councilor Cochran made a motion to nominate Councilor Churchwell as 1st Seat National League of Cities Voting Delegate; Councilor Tanner as 1st Alternate; and councilor McCain as 2nd Alternate. 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 to approve Tuition and related expenses for the Clerk to attend Certified Municipal Revenue Training. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the Clerk has applied for a scholarship from the University of Alabama, to help with tuition and some of the expenses. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that it is in the city's best interest to continue to educate the clerk so that she understands how to do things properly, it has been invaluable training so far. 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining.”

Councilor Shelnutt suggested that the Federal guidelines for travel reimbursement be adopted and that he would bring a copy to the next meeting. Councilor Cochran stated that a motion regarding this had already been brought before council and denied at an earlier meeting and doesn't see the need of bringing that issue up again. Councilor Tanner stated that if guidelines are set they will need to be lineate due to the fact that the League of Municipalities reserves blocks of rooms at hotels for all the conventions and the room rates can range anywhere from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per night.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to purchase a sign for the Community Center. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Councilor Churchwell will bring quotes to the next council meeting. 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.”

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Do the Senior Citizens have permission to start using the Community Center once every 2 weeks? Mayor Sanders stated that as long as there would be someone in charge of unlocking and locking the Community Center it would be fine, you will just need to schedule the dates with the Clerk.
  
- 2.) Tammy Parker, Rudd Middle School Teacher. Stated that she is in charge of a group of students at Rudd that call themselves Doers & Problem Solvers. They would like to see a "Library in Pinson". They have been working on a game plan for the last year. One of the ways they are planning to raise funds for the library is with Tribe Pride. During Homecoming week there will be a dress up theme day that the students will pay \$1.00 to dress up and the proceeds go toward the start up fee, which is approximately \$15,000.00.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to enter into executive session for purpose to discuss real estate, and litigation. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

Attorney Black, according to the Alabama Open Meetings Law, I provide certification that this Executive Session is necessary to discuss threatening and/or pending litigation.

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 "Let the record reflect that the motion passed unanimously." 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 back, feel free to talk with us if you would like.

Mayor Sanders called council out of executive session.

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

Adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

October 1, 2009 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

