

Council Minutes
October 15, 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 15, 2009. Mayor Sanders led the invocation. Councilor Tanner, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Sanders appointed, Anje May, as acting City Clerk.

Roll Call: Anje May, Acting City Clerk, called roll of Pinson City Council with the following council members present:

Mayor Sanders
Councilor Tanner
Councilor Cochran
Councilor Shelnutt
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow Jim Gunter to speak.

Mr. Gunter stated that he is a candidate for County Commission 4th District. Mr. Gunter added that his number one priority is to straighten out the finances of Jefferson County. Mr. Gunter served on the County Commission from 1986-1995.

Mayor Sanders reinstated the rules.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$17,855.43. Regions Visa for \$1,065.59; Hand Arendall-Pre Clearance for \$9,098.28; Acceptance Janitorial for \$140.00; Trussville Utilities for \$99.40; Birmingham Water for \$135.96; Best Insurance for \$431.00; Dixie Decorations-City Flags for \$919.60; BJC Animal Control for \$752.50; Mike Hawkins-Security for Huffman Game for \$120.00; Spectrum Industrial Services for \$1,917.00; Call-A-Haul for \$962.64; Alabama Power for \$277.86; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; Moore Coal Co. for \$278.60; Stan Godfrey 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.”

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran mentioned that he was able to join Turkey Creek at Eco Feast 11 which is a fundraiser for Birmingham Southern College.

Education: Mayor Sanders mentioned the PVHS Sign Campaign is ongoing.

Mayor Sanders announced that the Pride of the Valley Band Festival is Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 2:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Cochran mentioned PVHS Homecoming game is Friday, October 16, 2009, at 7:00p.m. and the Homecoming Parade that was scheduled for today was postponed due to the weather and rescheduled for Friday, October 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.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 Enhancements committee have begun to finalize plans for the Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade and will begin decorating the Community Center, Triangle Park, and City Hall on November 30, 2009.

Mayors Report: Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Bid Notice for the Sidewalk Grant was placed in the paper as required by ALDOT.

Mayor Sanders spoke to the Storm Drain Marking Eagle Project stating that Spectrum Industrial Services cleaned some of the drains but there are still 3 drains that need further cleaning. Councilor Cochran made a motion authorizing the Mayor to contract with Spectrum Industrial Services to clean the additional drains at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. 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.”

Old Business: Mayor Sanders offered a 1st reading of a ratification ordinance recognizing Marshall County Gas District’s acceptance of franchise agreement.

Mayor Sanders added that the franchise agreement has been finalized but Marshall County failed to sign the agreement in the allotted amount of time.

Councilor McCain mentioned that she had received a quote for a Community Center sign in the amount of \$240.00.

Councilor Churchwell stated that he had spoken with Jim’s Signs and is waiting on a quote from him.

New Business: Mayor Sanders offered a 1st reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Sheriff of Jefferson County.

Mayor Sanders offered a 1st reading on an ordinance regarding curfew hours, enforcement, and penalties for violation of the City of Pinson, Alabama.

Mayor Sanders announced that there will be a Work Session, Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to provide security for the Pride of the Valley Marching Festival. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked if this security is in addition to what we already donate. Mayor Sanders answered yes. 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 prepare a letter of support from the City for the Trails and Recreation Grant for Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow Taylor Steel to explain the grant.

Mr. Steel mentioned that this is a grant that will enhance 25 acres adjacent to Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. The letter of support that he is requesting will go along way in the possibility of receiving this grant.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

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 Tanner announced that PVYA will host a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. at Golden Rule on Highway 79 and PVYA will host Cheer in the Valley at PVHS on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

Public Comment:

- 1.) Battalion Chief Coleman, Center Point Fire District. Will have 2 Fire Medics at the Pride of the Valley Festival where they are expecting 22 Bands to perform. The Fire District will be starting their mandatory job task training in November. The City of Pinson also provided funding for 2 paramedics to assist on the Honor Flight.
- 2.) Tammy Parker, Rudd Middle School. Thinks it would be beneficial to the library project to attach a link on the City’s website to give information as to how and where to donate for the proposed library.

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 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anje May, Acting City Clerk

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