

Council Minutes
April 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, April 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

Absent:
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the April 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 April 2, 2009, meeting. Councilor Churchwell 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 \$19,761.56. Alabama Power-CityFest Power for \$39.31; Lyle Arrington for \$95.00; BJC Animal Control for \$993.75; Birmingham Water Works for \$133.96; Regions-Visa for \$1,385.35; Birmingham News for \$40.71; Anne’s Cans for \$130.00; U.S.P.S. for P.O. Box rental for \$98.00; Ameriseal-Winn Dixie & Mission Poss. for \$2,633.00; Alabama Power for \$45.56; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$690.00; Craig’s lawn Service-cut baseball field for Cityfest for \$200.00; Civitan International payment #3 for \$10,000.00; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; Best Insurance Agency for \$1,075.00; Alabama Power for \$224.92; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,425.00; Moore Coal Co. for \$120.00; B/W & sons Lawn Maint. for \$325.00. 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 Tanner announced that after the Work Session that is scheduled for April 30, 2009, there will be a Finance Committee meeting to begin discussing the budget for next year.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Victor and Tracie Altman, known as Lot 14, Mountain View Park, located at 4061 Mountain View Park NW. 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.

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.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-09.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Nita S. Willingham and Muk & Shannn Ling Yam, located at 6459 Middleton Lane and 5321 Pinson Ridge. 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.

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.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-10.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran stated that so far things are going well regarding the stripping at Winn Dixie and Mission Possible. Food Giant will be stripped soon.

Mayor Sanders reported that during the storm there were several power lines and trees down. The City was able to assist the Fire Department with this storm damage with our Public Safety items.

Education: Mayor Sanders stated that the Education meeting will be held on April 20th at Pinson Elementary, at 6:00 p.m.

Enhancements: Mayor Sanders announced that the Enhancements Committee made a profit of approximately \$1,000.00, from the merchandise that they sold at CityFest. The Enhancements Committee plans to purchase banners to coordinate with CityFest and the Small Town Recognition in 2010 with the profit. Mayor Sanders mentioned that this year's crowd was the largest we've seen and felt that the free rides for the children were greatly appreciated.

Mayors Report: Planning Commission will meet April 23, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Richard Street property now has significant storm damage. Notice has again been given and if the situation is not rectified he will bring the case back to council.

Old Business: Mayor Sanders mentioned that the 1st Movie to be shown at the Movie in the Park night is Bolt.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to hold the next Council meeting at Pinson Valley High School Auditorium, on May 1, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. 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.”

Mayor Sanders announced that there will be a work session at City Hall on, Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a Round Table Session open to the public.

Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2007-07, concerning Parking Violations and Ticketing Procedures. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion.

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 Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-11.

New Business: Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the Mayor to hire Young’s Eastern Tree Service to remove trees from City Hall, Marsh Street @ Mtn. View, Church Street @ Hillview St., Air Park Terrace, and Glenbrook @ Lane Street due to storm damage. 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining.”

Mayor Sanders mentioned that there was recently a misunderstanding regarding use of City Hall for activities not part of City function. Mayor Sanders stated that if the function is not a City function, we can’t engage City Hall staff. We just need to make to sure that council is apprised of everything.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that Council has a draft form of the Community Center Usage Agreement, and asked for comments or suggestions. Several Councilors made comments and suggestions and Mayor Sanders stated that we will continue to make changes until we are all happy.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules.

Taylor Steel, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, introduced Hana Burwinkle, Education Training Coordinator for Storm Water Management Authority. Ms. Burwinkle discussed the Storm Water Inlet Marking Program and how it can be helpful to the City.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to proceed with the Storm Water Inlet Marking 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.”

Public Comment: None.

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

Mayor Sanders, I provide certification that the information discussed would be detrimental if discussed in open forum.

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 back, feel free to talk with us if you would like.

Mayor Sanders called council out of executive session.

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

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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