

Council Minutes  
May 1, 2009 – 8:45 a.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in at the Pinson Valley High School Auditorium on Friday, May 1, 2009. Lauren Maddox, SGA President of Pinson Valley High School led the invocation. Adam Hall, Senior student of Pinson Valley High School 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 Churchwell  
Councilor McCain

**Absent:**  
Councilor Shelnett

**Minutes:** Councilor Churchwell made a motion to waive the reading of the April 16, 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 16, 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 \$24,390.32. AT&T for \$449.04; Alabama Power for \$897.15; Ameriseal for \$2,377.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$890.00; Exografx for \$72.93; Hand Arendall for \$2,978.82; Joe Cochran-reimbursement for tableskirts for \$19.77; Marie Turner-reimbursement for postage and certified mailing for \$9.11; Nextel for \$338.14; Payroll for \$5,848.90; Total Printing for \$130.00; Trussville Utilities for \$148.59; Regions-mortgage for \$3,854.18; Call-A-Haul for \$3,195.65; SA-SO for \$683.68; Sweeping Corp. of America for \$1,000.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$350.00; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,425.00; Moore Coal Co. for \$60.50. 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 took a moment to explain the Finance Committee and what the responsibilities of this committee are.

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell took a moment to explain how annexations are handled and how properties are annexed into the City. Councilor Churchwell stated that when the City first incorporated, in 2004, our original population was 6081 and to date it is approximately 7000.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Ronald & Marilyn Mele and Sidney & Carol Howell, known as Lot 7, Mountain View Park, located at 4080 Mountain View Drive NW, and Lot 15, Graves Addition to Pinson, located at 312 St. John Road NW. 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 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 Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-12.**

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Innsbrooke Homeowners Association, known as that part of parcel 9-29-1-0-2.001 lying in the NW ¼ of section 29, TSP 15 S R1W and the adjacent Rights of Way of Innsbrooke Parkway (Lakeview Drive), Winston Terrace, and the abandoned Cheney Railroad. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be annexed into the City of Pinson. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

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**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-13.**

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran explained the responsibilities of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Cochran stated that the Fire Lanes at the local shopping centers now have red striping on the curbs for the fire lanes and signs have been posted. Citizens will first receive a warning notice on their vehicles. Ticket books have been prepared for future use.

Councilor Cochran explained our Contract Deputies and how this works and how it affects the City of Pinson.

Mayor Sanders reported that all of the storm damage has now been removed.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders reported the School Appropriation Checks were distributed to each school at the last Education meeting. Mayor Sanders added that since the City of Pinson was incorporated, to date the total distributed to our schools is \$180,000.00.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain explained the responsibilities of the Enhancements Committee.

Councilor McCain mentioned that there will be three “Movies in the Park” this summer. The movies are: Bolt; Grease; and Ironman. The first movie, Bolt, will be shown on May 15, 2009, at dusk, on the field behind Solid Rock Church. Councilor McCain added that the movies are free, and Solid Rock Church will be selling concessions.

**Mayors Report:** Planning Commission will meet May 28, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Master Plan is now complete and will be discussed at the May 21, 2009, meeting.

Mayor Sanders reported the non emergency trees have now been removed.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Skipper and Associated for the design, application, and bid documents for a traffic signal. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders explained the reason for the contract and the reason that it is handled through Council. Mayor Sanders stated that this is the design phase only. Councilor Churchwell added that the expense for this phase of this project is \$10,000.00. Mayor Sanders asked 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-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 09-14.**

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution recognizing Ethan Cunningham for his athletic accomplishment. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, resolution adopted unanimously as Resolution number 09-15.**

Mayor Sanders introduced Attorney Shane Black. Attorney Black explained his responsibility and job with the City.

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) Councilor Tanner explained the process of becoming a candidate and holding an office in City Government.
- 2.) Devin Hunt, 6447 Womack Road. What side would we put the traffic light on? Mayor Sanders stated at the front entrance of the school.
- 3.) Zack Al-Khateeb, 3816 Venus Dr. Do you believe that Term Limits would be beneficial to our City Government? Councilor Tanner stated that personally she did believe that Term Limits would be beneficial. Councilor Cochran stated that he does not agree with Term Limits at any level of government because he feels that if people weren't happy with their government leaders it would encourage others to run for office. Mayor Sanders stated that he does not know how long he will run, but feels like this council is involved in every phase of City government. Councilor Churchwell stated that he has mixed emotions on a national level. Councilor Churchwell feels that leaders should be voted out rather than rolling off, if their not doing a good job. Councilor Churchwell added that on a local level sometimes you may not have enough people to run for an office and it is the citizens' responsibility to encourage people to vote. Councilor McCain stated that she feels that there needs to be Term Limits. Councilor McCain added that everyone needs to vote and people need to be informed before they vote.
- 4.) Chris Winfrey, 5135 Willow Ridge Circle. Asked Mayor Sanders to explain the Sidewalk Project and its purpose. Mayor Sanders explained that the City has received a Walkable Cities Grant. Councilor Churchwell added that this grant has been processed and we have been waiting for approval from ALDOT for approximately 2 years.
- 5.) Taylor Blocton, 5332 Bridlepath Lane. Did you say that you have to be 18 years old to run for office? Mayor Sanders stated that is correct and you must live within the corporate city limits and you can not be precluded by law.
- 6.) Steven Dusset, Hackberry Circle. If local government passes a law that you don't agree with how do you go about disagreeing with that? Mayor Sanders explained how this process and voting works. Councilor Cochran added that there is a time for the public to express their opinion about certain agenda items before a council meeting. Councilor Tanner added that we represent you, we do listen to you before we vote.
- 7.) Austin Sellers, 5422 Brookview Circle. You mentioned free movies; I didn't know we had a movie theater in Pinson. Mayor Sanders stated its free movies in the park. Councilor McCain added it will be behind Solid Rock Church.

- 8.) Mallori Padgett, 5228 Briarwood Circle. Can you give us some clarification on the curfew laws? Mayor Sanders explained the curfew ordinance.
- 9.) Melissa Lilly, 1592 Goldleaf Lane. What would it take to get commuter buses in Pinson. Mayor Sanders stated that the Pinson area is too rural.
- 10.) Chris Winfrey. Are there any other plans for future development in Pinson. Mayor Sanders stated that we are always working on development behind closed doors because it can't be disclosed until it's a done deal. Chris Winfrey. What about Wal-mart? Mayor Sanders stated that in 2007 when the economy depleted, Wal-mart changed their plans for building here. Hopefully they will return.
- 11.) Narcie Murphy, 7491 Old Dixianna Road. If ya'll are passing a bill that we didn't want, ya'll wouldn't do it right? Mayor Sanders replied ultimately the vote comes down to us (council) but we do represent almost 7000 people. Would you go against your city? Councilor Cochran stated; that's too broad for me to speculate. I would have to be faced with the situation to comment.
- 12.) Shanea Poteate, 8516 Bradford Road. How much do ya'll make? Council- \$240.00/mo. + training. Mayor \$1,000./mo. + training.
- 13.) Tara Lawley, 5418 Overbrook Circle. Do you know what the plans for purchasing property for the interstate are? Mayor Sanders stated that ALDOT is in control of buying and vacating property. We can't project when that will be complete. Tara Lawley. If we live on Clay-Palmerdale will they buy our property? Mayor Sanders stated that would be a question for ALDOT.
- 14.) Corey Griffin, 4404 Carwyle Road. Are there certain properties that will not be purchased? Mayor Sanders stated that The City of Pinson has no control over whether properties are purchased or not.
- 15.) Shanea Poteate. Will the interstate help or hurt the community? Mayor Sanders stated that the commercial development will help increase the tax base of the City, but the growth should be paced, like the 280 area.  
  
Shanea Poteate. Are there other plans to annex Palmerdale and other areas in Pinson? Mayor Sanders stated that we are at the end of Palmerdale already, but continue to add other areas. We just have to wait for connections.
- 16.) Chris Winfrey. What are the plans for the area being cleared for a park? Mayor Sanders stated that the area being cleared is Glenbrook and Kaley which are flood areas and we are planning to create a park. Mayor Sanders stated that although nothing has been voted on yet, he would use the new park in Tarrant as an example of what we might do.

- 17.) Ezell Parker, 4006 St. John Way. Are there any activities for teenagers in the city? Mayor Sanders replied that we are planning the summer Movies in the Park which are free.
- 18.) Shanea Poteate. How would we go about hosting a Festival in the City? Mayor Sanders stated that the only reason you would need to clear it with the City would be if you were going to need to close a road.

Councilor Cochran thanked Mr. Dick for his efforts in putting this opportunity together and Ms. Brown for allowing us to come today.

Councilor Churchwell stated that he felt we had great participation and appreciated everyone's interest.

Councilor McCain mentioned that if anyone had any further questions, The Mayor and Council can be reached by email.

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 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**May 1, 2009 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**