

Council Minutes  
May 21, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, May 21, 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 May 1, 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 May 1, 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 \$32,459.83. Alabama Power for \$1,062.15; AT&T for \$450.82; Anne’s Cans for \$130.00; AAMCA-Clerk Dues for \$30.00; Pete Chandler-install No Parking signs for \$135.12; BJC Animal Control for \$730.00; Center Point Fire District-4196 Glenbrook for \$40.00; Jefferson Co. Sheriff’s Dept. for \$14,162.09; Acceptance Janitorial for \$120.00; Lyle Arrington for \$545.00; Birmingham News for \$19.47; B’ham Water Works for \$64.06; Hand Arendall for \$3,209.04; Regions-Visa for \$384.65; Alapestco-Pest Control 4410 for \$150.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. for \$890.00; P.V.Y.A. for \$5,348.00; Stan Godfrey-median mowing for \$1,425.00; Alabama Power-Streetlights for \$224.73; Alacourt.com for \$107.00; B/W & Sons Lawn Maint. For \$350.00; Call-A-Haul for \$600.00; SA-SO for \$432.70; Eastern Tree Service for \$1,850.00. 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 stated that the Finance Committee met on April 30, 2009, to discuss the next fiscal year budget, and will have the budget draft to present at the next meeting.

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owners, Paula and Terry Sharp, Christopher and LaShaun Crum, known as Lots 26 and 27, Summer Crest 1<sup>st</sup> Sector, located at 6015 and 6016 Summer Crest 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 2009-14.**

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran mentioned that there have been several Parking tickets issued in the newly enforced No Parking areas. The business owners seem to be very appreciative of the no parking areas because it makes it easier and safer for their customers to get in and out of the stores.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders stated that we enjoyed having the Council meeting at the High School and hopefully will be able to do this in the years to come.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the City has contributed \$180,000.00 to the 4 area schools in the last 5 years.

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain mentioned that there were approximately 160 people at the 1<sup>st</sup> Movie in the Park. The next movie will be Grease on June 12, 2009.

**Mayors Report:** Planning Commission will meet May 28, 2009 at 4 p.m. There will be a Special Called meeting on June 11, 2009 at 4 p.m. and the regular meeting will be held on June 25, 2009 at 4 p.m.

**Old Business:** Councilor Cochran made a motion to accept the Community Center Usage Policies. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that this is only a guideline and can be waived with approval from the Mayor/Council. Councilor Churchwell stated that this document has changed several times and is now acceptable. Councilor Shelnett stated that he was in agreement with the fees being waived. 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.”

Mayor Sanders stated that the estimate to demo the sinks in the council offices would be approximately \$2,500.00. Councilor Cochran made a motion to move forward with the demo of the council offices. 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 passes with the Mayor abstaining.”

Mayor Sanders stated that he had received an estimate to seal and mark the parking lot here at City Hall in the amount of \$5,821.00. Councilor Churchwell stated that he felt we should wait until a later date to have this done, maybe closer to the Small Towns/Downtown festivities that will be held in March 2010. Mayor Sanders stated that this will be taken up at a later date.

Councilor Shelnett reported that the Pinson Education Foundation held its Recognition Banquet on May 4, 2009. Councilor Shelnett mentioned that the Education Foundation would like for the City to be more involved in the future. Councilor Cochran stated that he felt that it was worth looking into to see how we might be more involved. Mayor Sanders stated that he will have Attorney Black speak to this at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance directing the Jefferson County Tax Collector to remit Storm Water Fees to the City of Pinson. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders mentioned that this is not an ordinance to withdraw us from SWMA, but to instruct the Tax Collector and Treasurer to send the fees to us.

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Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders-abstain; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2009-15.**

Councilor Tanner made a motion to purchase a podium for Council Chambers from Alabama Correctional Industries at a cost of \$500.00. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked 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 made a motion to join the National League of Cities and pay the 2 year membership rate of \$1,452.00. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. 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 made a motion for council to attend the National League of Cities Conference in November 2009, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. 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, Councilors Tanner, Cochran, Churchwell, and McCain commented on their attendance of the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference.

Mayor Sanders suspended rules to allow John Harrison, Planning Commission Chairman and Steve Ostaseski to introduce the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Master Plan.

Councilor McCain made a motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Master Plan. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders mentioned that on behalf of the Planning Commission they would like for the presentation to be in memoriam of L.C. Dennis. Mayor Sanders stated the friendly amendment was accepted. Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the motion with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders stated that the Master Plan is hereby adopted. Copies are available for viewing.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) Elizabeth Reiff, 241 St. John Drive.
  - a.) The newsletter is not received in our area, can this be changed. Mayor Sanders stated that it should be received by all registered voters, we will check on this.
  - b.) Would like to have an event in her neighborhood on August 4, 2009, for the National Night Out, can the City do anything to help? Councilor Cochran stated that he will post the event on the web site.
  - c.) Presented a letter to council that was sent to Mr. Millington at Jefferson County.
  - d.) Can we get Speed and/or litter signs on our neighborhood. Mayor Sanders and Councilor Cochran are going to check some of the neighborhoods to see what can be done.
  - e.) Would like to use the Community Center on June 20, 2009 at 9 a.m. for the Homeowners Association meeting. Mayor Sanders approved.
- 2.) Phil Sims, 8136 North Valley Road. Alabama Butterbean Festival plans are going good. Newsletter are being sent out once a month. There will be a Catfish Fry at the PHCC on Sunday, May 24, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. There will also be a BBQ at the PHCC on July 4<sup>th</sup> with live entertainment from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- 3.) John Tucker, 4400 Oak Lane Circle. Need to put a Streetlight at Oak Street and Highway 75.
- 4.) Cathy Leslie. How much money was raised for the Education Foundation. Councilor Shelnutt stated \$1,250.00. Mrs. Leslie asked if all of the money raised was used for the Banquet. Councilor Shelnutt stated that there is still \$450.00 left and it is being kept by PHCC at Hometown Bank.

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

Mayor Sanders, according to the Alabama Open Meetings Law, I provide certification that this Executive Session is necessary to discuss trade and commerce information that would be detrimental if not discussed in executive session.

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 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 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**May 21, 2009 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**