

Pinson City Council Minutes  
November 16, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, November 16, 2006. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Councilor Shane Shelnett 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 Cochran  
Councilor Shelnett  
Councilor Churchwell  
Councilor McCain

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Cochran made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$10,762.43. Dixie Decorations for \$1,440.00; Best Insurance Agency for \$3,760.00; Acceptance Janitorial for \$45.00; Amsouth VISA for \$214.00; Best Insurance Agency for \$91.00; Call-A-Haul for \$260.00; Animal Control for \$677.50; Water Works for \$45.27; Simpson's M.A.R.S. for \$75.00; Hand Arendall for \$3,899.76; Alabama Power for \$160.88; Alabama Dept. of Revenue for \$15.32; Mayor Sanders \$78.00. 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 vote was unanimous."

**Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.**

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Located on Telia Drive and Cosby Hills, both off of Womack Drive. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be adopted 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 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-abstain; Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnett-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2006-36.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the Corporate Limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Owner, Jeffrey C. Hunter, located at 4479 Main Street. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be adopted 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 Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-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 Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain -yes.

Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance number 2006-37.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Cochran reported the he had met with the President of Innsbrooke Homeowners Association regarding street lighting. The determination was made that the best location to place the street light would be at the entrance of Innsbrooke. Further there was discussion concerning the possibility of placing reflective bumpers at the entrance or marking a turn lane. Councilor Cochran stated that he had spoken with the State today and is awaiting an answer concerning the reflective bumpers and will report back to I.H.A. a.s.a.p.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders reported that 2 students have signed Baseball Scholarships with Auburn University, and Michael Ivey has been chosen to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Macy's Day Honor Band. Mayor Sanders offered congratulations to all.

**Zoning and Beautification:** Councilor McCain reported that the Christmas Wreaths are in and will be put up within the next two weeks. Councilor McCain also reported that the fliers for Realtors to display in Homes for Sale in the Pinson area are here. Councilor McCain states that John Harrison attended a Builders Communities Grant Workshop to get information on how to apply for grants for Historical Character & Parks and Greenways. Councilor McCain made a motion to apply for a 1 year subscription to Grants for Cities and Towns, at a price of \$187.00/yr. 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 vote was unanimous."

**Old Business:** Mayor Sanders stated let the record reflect that he has presented to Council a memo of appointment, these were nominations from Councilors. L.C. Dennis, will serve 1 year; Tommy Simmons, Jr. will serve 2 years; G. Robbie Roberts will serve 3 years; Carolyn Chatham will serve 4 years; John Harrison will serve 5 years; Wayne Sellers will serve 6 years. Fire Marshal Donnie West will serve as the City's administrative representative for a term coinciding with this Council. Mayor Sanders mentioned that UNA offers a Zoning Officials Home Study Course, Councilor Cochran made a motion to pay for any member of the Planning Commission to

receive the Home Study Course. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the cost would be approximately \$200.00, and that UNA will be here in the spring to teach classes at a cost of \$40.00-\$60.00 to finish up the final course. 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 vote was unanimous.”

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to move forward on getting 3 different areas in our city proposed for Historical Districts at a Cost of \$12,500.00. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Councilor Shelnutt explained that this would show the history of Pinson to the public to let the people know where the historic areas of the city were located. Councilor Cochran added that this would create an uplifting environment for the entire community to have those Historic Districts within our city and could actually enhance the property values for every homeowner in Pinson for having surrounded that area. Councilor Churchwell stated that this was an additional expense but one well used, due to the previous expense it is the appropriate thing to do. Mayor Sanders called for any additional discussion. As there was none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the motion with the following results: Mayor Sanders-abstain; Councilor Cochran-yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders said “Let the record reflect that the vote was unanimous.”

Mayor Sanders stated that the recommendations for street lights are St. John; Brumbeloe; Sweeney Hollow and Tyler Loop; Sweeney Hollow and Centerwood. There are existing poles for about half of the areas mentioned but he will need to report back on a price from Alabama Power for having the poles set on the remaining areas. Mayor Sanders asked, “What is the will of council”? Councilor Churchwell made a motion to accept the recommendation made by Mayor Sanders. 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 vote was unanimous.”

**New Business:** Mayor Sanders reported that Council had received drafts of the yearly audit as performed by Stewart and Treglown, to be adopted at our next meeting. Mayor Sanders asked Ginger Treglown to go over the unapproved draft. Mrs. Treglown stated that Rhonda Shelton did most of the field work on the audit. Mrs. Treglown explained the net assets and the increase made during 2006, and that as our City grows, our Revenues grow along with our Expenditures. Mrs. Treglown mentioned that some of the things that were done by Council this year included 6 months of leased Deputy; Fire Districts were appropriated \$10,000; Schools were appropriated \$30,000 compared to \$10,000 in 2005. The City has now hired an Accountant to come in quarterly to handle entry of all General Ledger items, and to insure that all funds are placed into the appropriate accounts so that information can be readily accessed by Council and to properly prepare the accounts for the yearly audit. Mayor Sanders stated that the audit will be made public the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

**Public Comment:** None.

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.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**November 16, 2006 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**