

Pinson City Council Minutes
March 1, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, March 1, 2007. Pastor Larry Ragland (Solid Rock Church) led the invocation and Councilor Dawn Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Sanders appointed Anje May to act as Clerk.

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

Mayor Sanders
Councilor Tanner
Councilor Cochran
Councilor Shelnut
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$5,097.38. Alabama League Conference for \$1200.00, Bellsouth for \$283.07, Total Printing for \$46.98, UNA for \$2,048.00, Lyle Arrington for \$475.00, Payroll for \$947.32, and Joy McCain for \$97.01. 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.”

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. Owners, Gregory Deupree and Shannon G. Fisher Walker, located at 5300 Pinson Ridge. Councilor Churchwell recommends this property be adopted 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 Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, and 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 Shelnut-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, and Councilor McCain-yes.

Ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance 2007-10.

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Ordinance adopted unanimously as Ordinance 2007-11.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran mentioned that the City of Pinson's website is still currently being updated but that he has already posted the latest minutes and updated the calendar.

Education: Mayor Sanders stated that the education emphasis for March will be March 13th. The BOE will be at the PTA meeting at PVHS to preview expansion plans with Architect. This will be a very important meeting and the community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Zoning & Beautification: none

Mayors Report: none

Old Business: Mayor Sanders stated that City of Pinson hosted the first training meeting for the UNA Zoning program. Councilor McCain stated that this helped her learn more and helped understand the home study more. Councilor Tanner stated that the instructor was well qualified. Mayor Sanders stated that there will be a change in one of the dates but he will post it.

Councilor McCain offered a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Solid Rock Church pertaining to the use of the Solid Rock Church Grounds for City Fest. Mayor Sanders stated that this is a contract that will allow us to pay the Church \$500.00 for the use of these facilities. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion.

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Adopted as Resolution 07-03.

New Business: Mayor Sanders asked for comment on the SWMA meeting that the Councilors attended. Councilor Shelnutt stated that after seeing the presentation, he felt that the other cities that are backing out would probably revisit that because SWMA is the way to go. Mayor Sanders stated that the City of Pinson having no employees, should logically stay with SWMA. Councilor Churchwell stated that Councilor Tanner, Councilor Cochran, Councilor Shelnutt, and he attended the SWMA meeting, while some of the invited cities were not represented at all. SWMA's job is to check water running in, through, and out of the City. Councilor Tanner stated that a city was there that is planning on pulling out and after seeing what you have to get permits, and the things you have to test the rain that is will be cheaper for us to stay in. Councilor Churchwell stated that the directors of SWMA complemented us on having so many Councilors there because they stated it is hard to get one representative to come much less four. Councilor Cochran stated that he thought that it was a compliment to our City, because Pinson was better represented than the host City of Center Point.

Mayor Sanders stated that he has been trying to hold off on getting a new computer, but his has been showing signs of failure. Mayor Sanders stated that a comparable unit to the City Clerk's it would run about \$1200.00.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to buy the Mayor a new computer. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Councilor Tanner asked if that was the one that was pieced together. Mayor Sanders stated that yes it was. Councilor Shelnutt asked about a laptop. Councilor Cochran stated that he thought a desk top would work better for this. Councilor McCain stated that if a laptop failed, her experience was that repairs were more involved. Mayor Sanders asked for further question. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye". Motion carried, with Mayor abstaining.

Councilor Tanner stated that they have started on the bathrooms at the girl's softball fields. Councilor Cochran stated that he was glad that they started on this and that the project has been needed for some time.

Public Comments:

Pastor Ragland- Invites the Mayor and Council to the second annual Easter egg hunt. It will be the weekend after the CityFest on, April 7, 2007, from 10-12. He also wanted to let everyone know that everything will be free.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders asked all opposed say "no", all in favor say "aye." Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote of the Council.