

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

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Pinson City Hall on Thursday, September 7, 2006. Mayor Sanders led the invocation and Kelsey Sims led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Sanders appointed Anjelea May as acting city clerk for this council meeting.

Roll Call: Acting city clerk, Anjelea May, called roll of Pinson City Council with the following members present:

Mayor Sanders
Councilor Tanner
Councilor Cochran
Councilor Shelnett
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Councilor McCain offered a resolution for the girl's ten year old softball team, Pinson Thunder, for them placing second in the State Championship and thereby advancing to the World Series. The resolution was duly seconded by Councilor Churchwell. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed say "no", all in favor say "aye." The resolution passed unanimously as Resolution 06-10.

Mayor Sanders called all coaches and team-members to the front to be recognized.

Resolution 06-10 passed unanimously on September 7, 2006.

Public Comments: Judge Alan King spoke on what a probate judge handled and why he was running again.

Minutes:

Committee Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay miscellaneous bills in the amount of \$5804.49. Birmingham Water for \$7.85, Alabama Power for \$394.45, Bellsouth for \$286.65, Sprint for \$170.19, Trussville Utilities for \$15.60, McCain Uniform for \$41.00, Call-A-Haul for \$130.00 and Hand Arendall for \$4758.75. 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." Motion carries unanimously to pay miscellaneous bills.

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 owned by Paul & Leslie Trucks described as Lot 17, Palmetto Gardens, Sector 1, known as 5317 Bridle Path Lane.

Councilor Churchwell recommends this be brought into the city and was duly seconded by Councilor Cochran.

Mayor Sanders called for roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor McCain- yes.

Mayor Sanders called for questions or comments on the ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the council as ordinance 2006-24.

Ordinance 2006-24 passed on September 7, 2006.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the corporate limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama owned by Brian W & Shari Allison described as Lot 12, Gravlee's addition to Pinson 99/62, known as 345 St John Road NW.

Councilor Churchwell recommends this be brought into the city and was duly seconded by Councilor McCain.

Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor McCain- yes.

Mayor Sanders called for questions or comments on the ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the council as ordinance 2006-25.

Ordinance 2006-25 passed on September 7, 2006.

Councilor Churchwell presented an ordinance annexing certain territory into the corporate limits of the City of Pinson, Alabama owned by Mary J Cochran described as the south ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, TSP 15 South R2W located on the Narrows and Turkey Creek Roads.

Councilor Churchwell recommends this be brought into the city and was duly seconded by Councilor Cochran.

Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote for unanimous consent with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor McCain- yes.

Mayor Sanders called for questions or comments on the ordinance. Hearing none, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Mayor Sanders- yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, and Councilor McCain- yes.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the council as ordinance 2006-26.

Ordinance 2006-26 passed on September 7, 2006.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran gave a brief report on the fact that the jail inmates were still picking up trash on a regular schedule.

Education: Mayor Sanders announced that Pinson Valley High School was 1 of 4 recognized in Alabama Board of Education for achievement award. They will be receiving a monetary reward, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to \$25,000.00. Also all four schools in the Pinson district made 100% of AYP. Rudd Middle School was hoping to participate in the Fox 6 School Program in October for a painting project. He announced that there will be a clean up day at PVHS on September 30th.

Zoning & Beautification: Councilor McCain mentioned that the tables in the Triangle Park were finished and that there will be a committee meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2006.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the Center Point Fire District notified the City of certain surplus vehicles. The Mayor relayed that one vehicle, a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe, could be of use for the city. The Mayor relayed that the minimum bid was \$4,000, and that the city could place a bid, pending the will of Council.

Councilor McCain spoke briefly about the benefit to having such a vehicle.

Councilor Cochran made motion to authorize Mayor Sanders to pursue and purchase the vehicle. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to purchase Surplus Vehicle passed.

Mayor Sanders requested that Council authorize him to approve and engage the services of Deputy Hall and/or other Deputies as needed for School events, both home and away.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the Mayor to organize added security for events home and away when the need arose. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. After a brief, but favorable discussion, Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion authorizing the Mayor to obtain added security as needed passed.

Old Business: Information was presented by Attorney Black on the issue of the Law Suit with the Oneonta Utilities Board. He informed us of the ruling of the Judge in Blount County Circuit court, and further informed the audience that Pinson, Highland Lake, and Cleveland would be appealing.

Councilor McCain offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to hire a Mayor’s Assistant. The resolution was duly seconded by Councilor Cochran. Mayor Sanders let Attorney Black have a few minutes to explain the position. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes, Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Cochran- yes, Councilor Shelnutt-yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor McCain- yes. The resolution passed unanimously as Resolution 06-09.

Resolution 06-09 passed unanimously on September 7, 2006.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to authorize and direct the Mayor to negotiate with Carraway Hospital and/or its assignees for the property located at 4410 Main Street. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Carraway passed.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to hire a website hosting company to do the City of Pinson’s website. This would have a start up fee of \$500.00 with a monthly fee of \$80.00. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all those opposed to say “no”, all in favor say “aye.” Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to hire website hosting company passed.

New Business: Councilor Shelnutt mentioned going ahead and giving money to the Butterbean Festival for next year. He mentioned going in contract with the BB Festival. Attorney Black talked about the various aspects of doing this. Councilor Shelnutt also mentioned that crowd for the BB Festival this year was between 15,000 to 20,000 people. Some comments were made by Councilor Cochran and some clarifications given by Councilor Churchwell.

Councilor Shelnutt offered a friendly amendment to the proposed smoking ordinance allowing for a 120 day compliance period. Council Tanner accepted the amendment.

Mayor Sanders declared that the proposed smoking ordinance had been duly amended and that we would consider the amended ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilor Tanner discussed the League Training on Business licensing that she and Councilor Cochran attended.

Public comments:

Tori Howell- Womack Road- shared her concerns on the people in the City of Pinson burning their garbage and rubbish. She wanted to know the law if it prohibited this. She also inquired about the City of Pinson having their own garbage pick up.

Mayor Sanders replied that indeed there was a county-wide burning ordinance and that only fires for the cooking of food were allowed without a permit issued by the County Health Department. In addition, the Mayor shared the impact of the City of Pinson having their own garbage pick up, and relayed some facts from our earlier investigation.

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

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

APPROVED
