

Council Minutes
April 21, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, April 21, 2011. 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 April 7, 2011, 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 7, 2011, 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 Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$40,344.60, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. 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."

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the yearly annexation pre-clearance has been submitted to the Department of Justice for approval. The submission includes annexations from May 2010 through February 2011.

Enhancement: Councilor McCain announced that the city will host Movies in the Park once again in May. Councilor McCain added that the movies will be shown behind Solid Rock Church, and the movies to be shown are Toy Story 3, May 13th, and Yogi Bear, May

20th. Councilor McCain stated that in the case of rain the movies will be shown at Pinson United Methodist Church.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Darter Dash has been postponed until Fall 2011.

Education: Mayor Sanders mentioned that the Education meeting will be April 26, 2011 at Rudd Middle School at 6 p.m.

Mayor Sanders stated that the Pinson Valley High School graduation will be held at 5 p.m. on May 26, 2011, at Cathedral of the Cross.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to release and distribute the full amount of the school allocations as budgeted. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that he recommends that we release the full amount of \$50,000.00 to the four schools and he feels that any monies that had been spent by the schools during the year should be forgiven and the full amount of \$12,500.00 for each school should be distributed because of the unbudgeted revenue the City has received from sales tax. Councilor Churchwell stated that he has no problem with distributing the money but he does have a problem with going against the original plan. Councilor Churchwell added that he felt the council would be setting precedence for future distributions. Councilor Churchwell continued that he felt that it would be unfair to those that didn't ask for any money throughout the year. Councilor Churchwell stated that he felt that each school should get the same amount. Councilor Cochran stated that he understood what Councilor Churchwell was saying but felt that the additional allocation is for facilities shared by each school and the additional money benefits more than one school. Councilor Churchwell stated that each school can ask for more money knowing that we will give them the full amount each year. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnut-yes; Councilor Churchwell-no; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, motion passes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the work at PVYA is progressing.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that he attended the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce meeting that was held at PHCC. Councilor Churchwell stated that this was the first

meeting held at PHCC since the new air conditioning has been installed and it was working well.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the newly appointed Library Board is working hard and will have their next meeting on, Thursday, April 28, 2011.

Mayor Sanders reminded council that the required online Ethics Training and the online Economic Interest filing are both due by April 30, 2011.

Old Business: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make pre-application for grant funds with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-15

Councilor Cochran mentioned that in council packet there are preliminary reports that were done by RPC that will be used in the packet being prepared for the Retail Convention in Las Vegas.

New Business: Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for road work with Jefferson County, regarding Flight Drive. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the resolution with the following results:

Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-16.

Councilor Shelnett mentioned that he had received some complaints about smoking at PVYA and asked what could be done to make the entire park smoke free. Councilor Cochran stated that if the Board at PVYA asked for the park to be smoke free he would support that request and agrees that PVYA is a children's park and smokers should not smoke around the children. Councilor Tanner stated that she felt that when the paving at

PVYA is complete it will make it a lot easier to keep an eye on that situation. Councilor Tanner added that smoking is only allowed outside and at the back of the ball fields. Councilor Churchwell asked if anyone knew what other parks do regarding smoking. Mayor Sanders, no. Councilor Cochran stated that most youth ballparks are smoke free or have a designated area. Mayor Sanders stated that he will check on the practices of other youth parks and report back to council.

Public Comment:

- 1.) Taylor Steele-Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Mr. Steele thanked council for their continued support and look forward to having the Deputies help with security at the preserve again this season. Mr. Steele mentioned that he is looking into two litter promotions; 1.) Trash Blows-Tarp & Tie; 2.) Bucket and Brick-secure a 5 gallon bucket with a brick. Both of these promos are through Home Depot & Waste Pro.
- 2.) Cathy Leslie-Announced the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held at Pinson First Baptist Church on, Thursday, May 5, 2011, and is being hosted by the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce. May 7, 2011, the City of Clay will be hosting a Fishing Rodeo at Cosby Lake and Taylor Steele will be doing a fishing clinic for ages 5-12.

Councilor Cochran moved to adjourn. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye". Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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