

Council Minutes
April 7, 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 7, 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 Shelnutt
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to waive the reading of the March 17, 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 March 17, 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."

Pre-Meeting Comments: Bill Hawkins, AARP. Announced that the annual Drive to End Hunger will be held, April 14, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Pinson Winn Dixie.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$126,086.98, 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."

Mayor Sanders stated that the February Sales Tax is approximately \$76,000.00, which is on track with our budget.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran mentioned that National Night Out will be held on, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, and we are planning to go to the local neighborhoods that are participating.

Enhancement: Councilor McCain reported that CityFest went very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Councilor McCain added that she received many thanks from adults for the free rides. Councilor McCain stated that the City gave out 640 armbands for the free rides.

Mayor Sanders extended his thanks to the Enhancements Committee for all of their hard work. Mayor Sanders added that there were many people that expressed their thanks for the free rides during these down economic times. Councilor Churchwell stated that he spoke with many people that could not believe that the rides were free.

Councilor McCain made a motion to host a citywide Shred-a-thon. 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 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 and Yogi Bear. 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 tentative pre-summer Education meeting will be April 25, 2011 at Rudd Middle School at 6 p.m.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the electrical renovation of the lights on the football field at PVHS should be complete by the weekend.

Mayor Sanders stated that the city normally distributes the budgeted allocations to the schools in the spring and as we had hoped the sales tax revenue will allow the city to distribute the full amount allocated to each school without any deductions for previously requested distributions.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that several weeks ago council had discussed a School Request Form to be used by any group requesting money from allocated funds the city has budgeted each year for each school. Mayor Sanders asked for any additional thoughts on this. Councilor Tanner asked if a date could be added to the form. Mayor Sanders agreed it should be added. Councilor Tanner asked what JCBOE acknowledgement meant. Mayor Sanders replied that this would apprise the Board of what we as a city are doing for the schools, even though funds are not available through the school system, we should let them know whatever we are doing.

Mayor Sanders reported that the HVAC work at PHCC should be completed by early next week.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to install a small hand washing sink in the drink concession stand at PHCC at a cost of approximately \$900.00. 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 motion passed unanimously."

Mayor Sanders announced that the Library Board held its inaugural meeting and elected officers. Robbie Roberts, President; Patrick Coleman-Vice President; Stanley Moss-Secretary; and Tamisha Parker-Treasurer. Mayor Sanders mentioned that the next meeting will be held on April 14, 2011.

Mayor Sanders reminded council that the online filing of the Alabama Ethics Commission Economic Statement deadline is April 30, 2011.

Mayor Sanders reminded council that the required online training of the new Ethics Law must be completed and your certificate given to the City Clerk by April 30, 2011.

Mayor Sanders made the following appointments to committees:

Liz Reiff-Finance Committee
Jean Blackman-Enhancements Committee

Mayor Sanders stated that Carolyn Chatham has resigned from the Planning Commission and he will be accepting resumes to fill that vacancy through the end of April.

Old Business: Councilor Tanner made a motion to authorize floor maintenance in the Library area. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the maintenance would be to strip and wax the floors in that area. 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."

Mayor Sanders mentioned that he was made aware of an ADECA Grant opportunity that could tie into the High School Trail project. Councilor Cochran stated that he felt council should pursue this opportunity. Mayor Sanders stated that he would have a resolution to consider this at the next meeting.

New Business: Councilor Shelnutt offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate, concerning land near Pinson Valley High School. Councilor Tanner 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-13.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution accepting the dedication of certain streets, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for roadway services, and accepting a deed for certain property, concerning Bridle Path Lane and Grist Mill Lane. Councilor Churchwell 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 main resolution with the following results:

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

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-14.

Councilor Shelnutt requested the use of the Conference room at City Hall for the Pinson Education Foundation Committee meeting to be held on April 18, 2011. Mayor Sanders asked for any objections. As there were no objections the request was approved.

Councilor Shelnutt stated regarding the Retail Convention in Las Vegas, do we have an update on the cost of the materials that will be prepared. Councilor Shelnutt added that the last he had was that the cost would be between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00. Councilor Cochran stated that he did not have an updated amount at this time. Mayor Sanders stated that RPC has most of the information we will need for that packet. Councilor Cochran added that the information that RPC has should satisfy a lot of the traffic information so the cost for preparation should be considerably less than the option we were looking at earlier. Councilor Shelnutt asked if the information that RPC has would be added to Mr. Morris' packet. Councilor Cochran stated that we are starting from scratch because we have never sent a packet of this

nature. Councilor Shelnutt asked if Mr. Morris had a packet when he attended the convention. Councilor Cochran stated that we have never sent Mr. Morris directly to Las Vegas on our behalf, he has represented us there in his capacity. Councilor Shelnutt asked if Mr. Morris didn't have anything, then how did he represent us. Councilor Shelnutt asked if we have been in contact with any of the businesses that we plan to pursue. Councilor Cochran answered, yes. Councilor Shelnutt asked if council would be notified about those businesses. Councilor Cochran stated, yes. Councilor Shelnutt asked if the packet would be available for council to review. Councilor Cochran stated, yes. Councilor Shelnutt asked if the City Leakage report will be in the packet. Councilor Cochran asked Councilor Shelnutt to explain what he meant by city leakage. Councilor Shelnutt explained that a city leakage report states what the city is deficient in, example if we don't have a shoe store then we are deficient there and that means that citizens are going to other cities to get this. Councilor Shelnutt added that Center Point is planning to have a booth at the convention and they have a lot of things they are doing. Councilor Cochran stated that he is aware that Center Point is going and that he felt that Councilor Shelnutt was opposed to our city attending. Councilor Shelnutt stated that he was not opposed but this trip has gone from \$400-\$500 registration fee to now \$12,000 to \$15,000, and he felt that if we are going we should be prepared. Councilor Cochran stated that is what we are trying to do. Councilor Shelnutt said that is why I am asking these questions.

Public Comment:

- 1.) Dorlan Terry, 5455 Miles Spring Road. Thanked the Mayor and council for everything the city has done to improve PHCC.
- 2.) Phil Sims, Executive Director, Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sims announced that the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held at PHCC on Tuesday April 19, 2011, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Matt Angelo, Center Point Fire Department, will be discussing the Yellow Dot Program.

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

Attorney Black, according to the Alabama Open Meetings Law, I provide certification that this Executive Session is necessary to discuss pending and/or threatening litigation.

Mayor Sanders, I provide certification in regard to trade and commerce, it would be detrimental if items were discussed in open forum.

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."

Mayor Sanders stated, we will enter Executive session and will not reconvene other than to entertain a motion to adjourn, which I estimate to be approximately 15-20 minutes. 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 Tanner moved to adjourn. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye". Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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