

Council Minutes  
November 17, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, November 17, 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 November 3, 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 November 3, 2011, meeting. Councilor Tanner 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 \$54,510.00, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders mentioned that the final bill for paving Bridle Path was included in the bills and this will conclude that project. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. Councilor Shelnett asked about the Regions Visa bill. Councilor Tanner reported the amount included the following purchases: office supplies \$1,674.00; equipment repair \$2,095.00; library purchases and supplies \$1,299.00; technology and equipment \$909.00. Councilor Shelnett asked that in the future the Regions bill be broken down on the bills schedule. Mayor Sanders stated that should not be a problem. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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."

**Education:** Mayor Sanders announced the Education Committee meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to release the full appropriated funds of \$12,500.00 to each school. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell stated that he is in agreement with releasing the funds and then if there are needs in the future they can be addressed at that time. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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."

**Enhancements:** Councilor McCain reported that the Veteran's Day Luncheon went very well and the attendance was larger than last year.

Councilor McCain stated that on November 30, 2011, the Enhancements Committee will be putting up the Christmas tree at Triangle Park. Councilor McCain added that the Christmas tree lighting will be on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at Triangle Park and the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sanders stated that there will be a final hearing on the Zoning Code Ordinance on December 1, 2011. Mayor Sanders added that the Zoning, and Subdivision and Construction Regulations were passed by the Planning Commission unanimously and have now recommended the Zoning Code Ordinance to Council. Mayor Sanders stated that Council will consider for adoption the zoning code before January.

Mayor Sanders announced the Planning Commission will meet December 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that we will need to have Board of Adjustment members in place by January. Mayor Sanders added to be eligible one should be a qualified elector of the City of Pinson. Mayor Sanders stated that anyone interested should let him know.

Councilor McCain made a motion to authorize Eastern Glass to replace window panes at PHCC at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00. 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 Cochran made a motion to purchase a used Mule (ATV) for use at PVYA, at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00, to be purchased from Golf Carts Unlimited. Councilor Tanner 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 Cochran made a motion to accept a quote from O.Jay Fence Company for the installation of two brick columns and a gate at PVYA at an approximate cost of \$7,500.00. Councilor Tanner 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 mentioned that the City was not chosen for the two grants recently applied for, but will plan to apply for new Federal grants after the first of the year.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to authorize Harris Home Improvements to prepare and paint the brick molding at City Hall, at a cost of approximately \$800.00. 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 with one abstention."

**Old Business:** Mayor Sanders reported that he had spoken with Mrs. King about our Historical District submission and she apologized for the delay and hopes to apply shortly for the hearing in 2012.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a vehicle for use by the Zoning Official. 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 Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders, unanimous consent passes.

Mayor Sanders stated that this truck will be a new vehicle purchased from Stivers Ford, on the approved State of Alabama Department of Finance bid list, at a cost of approximately \$28,000.00. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main 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 11-35.**

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to authorize building signage for City Hall; Pinson Library and Pinson Community Center from Jim's Signs, at a cost of approximately \$4,200.00. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner asked that the signage be done before the Library Grand Opening on January 8, 2012. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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."

**New Business:** Mayor Sanders offered a first reading on a resolution concerning the transition of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations administration in the City of Pinson.

Councilor McCain offered a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to secure utilities and certain professional services for repair of park property. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the house on the property was in need of some repair and we will need to bushog the property. Mayor Sanders added that Pikes Plumbing estimate to repair the plumbing system is \$4,107.00 and Eastern Tree Services estimate to mow the property with the appropriate machinery is \$5,600.00. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor McCain asked if the property was sewer or septic system. Mayor Sanders stated it is septic system. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the main 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 11-37.**

Councilor McCain offered an ordinance concerning fireworks and amending section 7(A) of ordinance no. 2008-17. Councilor Cochran 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders, unanimous consent passes.

Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance passes unanimously as Ordinance 2011-14.**

Councilor Churchwell reported on the National League of Cities Prescription Drug Program. Councilor Churchwell added that there is no expense to the participants or the city and the average savings to citizens with no insurance or insurance that will not pay for a certain drug is 23%. Councilor Churchwell stated that this can be used by anyone in the city, they do not have to be a resident. Councilor Churchwell added that this program is sponsored by CVS/Caremark and can be used at any drug store. Mayor Sanders stated that we will consider this at our next meeting.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for copier maintenance with Nohab at a yearly cost of \$1,089.00. Councilor Churchwell 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes. Mayor Sanders, unanimous consent passes.

Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders asked 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 11-38.**

Councilor Shelnutt offered a first reading on a Credit Card Use Policy.

Mayor Sanders stated that the annual audit is finished and the auditing firm of Borland and Benefield will make their presentation on December 15, 2011.

**Public Comment:**

- 1.) Tammy Phillips, PVYA Board President. Thanked council for the new gate and mule for PVYA.

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

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

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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**Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**