

Council Minutes
October 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, October 20, 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 October 6, 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 October 6, 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 \$43,069.56, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned some of the items on the bills schedule including a legal bill for \$7,000.00; T-N-T \$8,000.00; Visa \$9,000.00-which consist of \$4,000.00 Library items; \$1,250.00 Airfare for the NLC Conference (\$410.00 spouse airfare to be reimbursed); \$1,540.00 Emergency city vehicle repair; \$750.00 A/C unit for PVYA; \$285.00 Clerk Conference. Councilor Tanner stated that all items were pre-approved except for the emergency vehicle repair. Mayor Sanders stated that we are in the process of setting up accounts with a couple of the publishers needed by the library. Councilor Shelnett asked if the purchase of the spouse's airline ticket with the city's credit card is a common practice that we have. Councilor Tanner stated when booking the flights in order to have seats together she didn't see a problem with it, especially when it is being reimbursed to the penny. 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 Pride of the Valley Marching Festival will be held, October 22, 2011, beginning at 2:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 7:30. Mayor Sanders added that this event usually has approximately 5,000-6,000 people in attendance.

Mayor Sanders announced the PVHS Theatre will perform Children of a Lesser God, October 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., and October 23, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Clay-Chalkville High School.

Enhancements: Councilor McCain announced the Veteran's Day Luncheon to be held on, Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., at Pinson United Methodist Church. Councilor McCain added that reservations will be taken until October 31st, and at this time there are 21 Veteran's registered.

Councilor McCain announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held, Friday, December 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., and the Christmas Parade will be held on, Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders announced the Fresh Water Land Trust 5K run will be at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, October 22, 2011, beginning at 8:30. Mayor Sanders added that there are approximately 100 runners registered.

Mayor Sanders stated that the tentative date for CityFest is, March 31, 2012.

Public Safety:

Mayor Sanders suspended rules.

Mayor Sanders administered the swearing in of Deputy John Michael and Deputy John Leon. Deputy Michael's stated that between Deputy Leon and himself they are bringing 12 years of experience to the City of Pinson, and he appreciates this opportunity. Deputy Leon stated that he is grateful for the honor to serve our community.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Mayor Sanders thanked the Sheriff's department for their recent apprehension of 2 pairs of copper offenders. Councilor Churchwell asked when the new deputies will begin duty. Mayor Sanders stated they will begin, Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Mayor Sanders stated that council will consider final subdivision and construction regulations from the Planning Commission on November 3, 2011 and final zoning regulations from the Planning commission on December 1, 2011.

Mayor Sanders announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held, November 14, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. and December 12, 2011, at 5:00 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.

Old Business: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement on real property, regarding property adjacent to the north boundary of Pinson Valley High School. 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 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 11-32.

New Business: Councilor McCain offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a vehicle from Jefferson County for use by the Zoning Official. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that depending on the availability of the items from Jefferson County, he plans to purchase a very late model extended cab pickup truck. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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 11-33.

Public Comment:

- 1.) Taylor Steele, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Mr. Steele announced the Darter Dash 5K run, sponsored by the Fresh Water Land Trust which will be held at the preserve has approximately 40 people registered and they expect a total of 100 people. Mr. Steele stated that he heard from the State regarding the Moss Rock Veneer Wall to encapsulate the front gate and will start the end of October as well as a 2.3 mile hiking trail working with Vulcan Trail Association. Mr. Steele will be resigning as Resident Manager of TCNP and begin working with Birmingham Botanical Gardens the beginning of November. Mr. Steele added that he will be involved in the hiring of his replacement. Mayor Sanders thanked Mr. Steele for all of his hard work. Mayor Sanders mentioned that Rep. Treadaway got a grant in the amount of \$1,700.00 for security that the city provides at TCNP.
- 2.) Deborah Roman, Innsbrooke. Ms. Roman asked for more deputy patrol in the Innsbrooke subdivision because of speeding.
- 3.) Susan Goodman, Innsbrooke. Ms. Goodman asked why speed bumps can't be placed in their subdivision. Councilor Cochran stated that most of the streets in the city limits of Pinson remain under the Counties control and the County does not allow speed bumps. Councilor Cochran added that we would have to get approval from the County and they don't approve speed bumps.
- 4.) Pete Chandler, 4450 Silver Lake Road. Mr. Chandler asked for volunteers to help with the Veteran's Day Luncheon as well as the Christmas Parade.

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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