

Council Minutes
July 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, July 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 Shelnett
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the June 16, 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 June 16, 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."

Pre-Meeting Public Comment: Mayor Sanders suspended rules and introduced Fire Chief Donnie West, Center Point Fire District.

Chief West displayed the Life Pack Defibrillator which was purchased from funds appropriated by the Pinson City Council. Chief West stated that this particular model would be used on Rescue 2 at Station 2. Chief West mentioned that this is a refurbished model that if bought new would cost around \$30,000.00, but they were able to purchase this model for \$8,000.00. Chief West added that additional medical items were purchased with the remainder of the \$12,000.00.

Mayor Sanders allowed Coach Matt Glover, PVHS Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, to address council.

Coach Glover made a request to council for sand for the Football Field and a sound system for the Football Stadium. Coach Glover stated that the items requested would not only benefit the PVHS Football Team, it would also be beneficial to Rudd Middle School, the Soccer Team, Band, and any other school or school organization that would use the football field or stadium. Mayor Sanders stated that council would be glad to consider Coach Glovers request and asked that he, (Coach Glover), fill out the request form and return it to council for consideration.

Mayor Sanders reinstated rules.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$38,387.99 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 mentioned that our Fiscal Year runs from July 1-June 30 and the Mayor is charged with having the cities accounts audited. Mayor Sanders stated that in the past we have used Stewart and Treglown as our auditing firm but since our last audit they have sold their firm to Borland and Benefield. Mayor Sanders added that he will enlist the services of Borland and Benefield to handle our 2010/2011 audit.

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran announced that National Night Out is, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Councilor Cochran stated that both the Heatherpointe and Innsbrooke communities will be hosting events that will be open to all citizens. Councilor Cochran added that the Innsbrooke community will host their events at the lake. Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize the transfer of the funds approved for the Beat the Heat event at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, to the National Night out events. 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."

Enhancements: Councilor McCain announced that Beat the Heat at Turkey Creek will be held on July 16, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Councilor McCain stated that the Float your Boat race will begin at 1:00 p.m. Councilor McCain added that boats are \$5.00, with proceeds benefiting the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Education Program. Councilor McCain added that the City will be there handing out free popsicles, which were donated by a private donor.

Councilor McCain announced that the city will host a Shred-A-Thon on, Saturday, August 13, 2011, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the traffic light at PVHS and Highway 75 should be up and running mid July. Mayor Sanders stated that he would like to plan a dedication/ribbon cutting around the first week of August, and invite the family of the Special Deputy that was killed there in 1984.

Old Business: Councilor Shelnett offered a resolution concerning the Northern Beltline. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner stated that she and Councilor Churchwell attended the last Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at which the Black Warrior Riverkeeper Association spoke. Councilor Tanner added that at that luncheon they learned that the Black Warrior Riverkeeper Association has filed a lawsuit to hold ALDOT accountable for not having studies done and this could be held up in court for a while. Councilor Churchwell stated that he is in favor of the Beltline, but with the pending lawsuit questioned whether we

might be getting ahead of ourselves with this resolution. Councilor Shelnuttt stated that according to the lady he spoke with, 30 plus cities have already passed this resolution and only 3 have not. Councilor Shelnuttt stated that he felt that the resolution was appropriate. Councilor Churchwell stated that the Riverkeeper Association does not want to stop the Beltline, but wants to make sure that ALDOT does what it is supposed to do. Councilor Tanner asked Councilor Shelnuttt if he knew the 3 cities that have not passed this resolution. Councilor Shelnuttt stated that it was his understanding that the cities are Clay, Pinson and County Line. 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-Abstain; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnuttt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes as Resolution 11-17.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning an ALDOT sign permit, regarding a "Welcome to Pinson" sign. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked if we have to seek approval from ALDOT for each sign that we plan to install. Mayor Sanders replied, yes. Councilor Churchwell stated that the last time we asked for approval to install a sign it took two years to receive the approval from ALDOT. Mayor Sanders stated that he has met with ALDOT officials and this will not take as long. 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 Shelnuttt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-18.

New Business: Mayor Sanders offered a first reading of an ordinance concerning speed limits in the Palmetto Gardens Subdivision and the Tyler Loop Cove Subdivision.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve a quote received from Presley Lawn Care for maintaining flower beds at City Hall monthly, with a start up fee of \$575.00, and then \$225.00 monthly to maintain. 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."

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution concerning the PVHS Signal Dedication, to be known as the "Carol Lester Whittington Memorial Signal". 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 Shelnuttt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-19.

Councilor Cochran offered a resolution appointing Center Point Fire District Fire Marshal Matt Angelo as Fire Marshal for the City of Pinson. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated this includes the Palmerdale Fire District as well. 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 Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-20.

Mayor Sanders offered a first reading of a resolution adopting the 2009 Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, in fulfillment of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Local Mitigation Plan Requirements of 44 C.F.R. Section 201.6 and FEMA Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to approve registration and expenses for Councilors interested in attending the National League of Cities Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, November 9-12, 2011. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Councilor Shelnutt asked what the benefit of attending is. Councilor Churchwell stated he felt that everything is beneficial in some way. Councilor Tanner stated that the majority of the cities that attend are under 30,000, so the convention is specific to small cities, you can receive information on Grants, Federal Aid and a wide variety of topics.

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion to table the vote so that he could get specifics on the meetings. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Mayor Sanders call for any further discussion on the main motion. 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 Shelnutt-no; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, motion passes.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve registration and expenses for the City Clerk to attend Municipal Clerk Training in Tuscaloosa, August 10-12, 2011. 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."

Public Comment:

- 1.) Chief Donnie West, Center Point Fire District. Chief West spoke to the appointment of Fire Marshal Matt Angelo, stating that newly appointed Fire Marshal Angelo was groomed over the last four years for this position. Chief West also mentioned that Fire Marshal Angelo recently graduated from the Police Academy.

- 2.) Fire Marshal Matt Angelo, thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment as Fire Marshal of the City.
- 3.) Taylor Steele, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Stated that the proceeds from the Float your Boat Event to be held on July 16th, would go to the Educational Program at the Preserve. Mr. Steele stated that this summer there were several children that have attended the 8 week Summer Camp offered at the Preserve. Mr. Steele spoke to the marking for Fire Lanes at the Preserve stating that this would allow Emergency Vehicle free access, add walk ability in many areas as well as help to maintain the road and shoulders of the road.

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

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 10 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 Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye". Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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