

Council Minutes
June 16, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Mayor Sanders led the invocation. Mayor Sanders 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 Cochran
Councilor Shelnut
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor McCain

Absent:
Dawn Tanner

Minutes: Councilor Shelnut made a motion to waive the reading of the June 2, 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 2, 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 Cochran made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$24,145.69; a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Mayor Sanders mentioned that a portion of the bill was the mortgage and Sheriff. 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."

Public Safety: Councilor Cochran stated that there have been a couple of incidents at intersections in Pinson involving Road Blocks to raise money for various organizations. Councilor Cochran added that he wanted to make the public aware that Road Blocks are illegal in Pinson as well as the State of Alabama.

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.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders reported that the paving at Bridle Path is now complete.

Mayor Sanders reported that the traffic light at PVHS and Highway 79 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.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to approve assumption of street lights at Hwy 75 and Aspen Ridge Parkway and Hwy 75 and Clay Palmerdale Road as well as power for the PVHS Signal. Councilor Churchwell 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 appointed Jan LeMaster to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Chatham.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to request data wiring in the Library, Zoning room, and the new Deputy office. 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."

New Business: Mayor Sanders offered a first reading of a resolution regarding Alabama Department of Transportation, agreement for the installation and maintenance of special directional and/or political boundary signs municipal governments.

Councilor Shelnutt made a motion requesting that each Committee present council members with a copy of their meeting minutes. Councilor McCain duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Sanders asked for a roll call vote on the motion with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnutt-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor McCain-yes.

Mayor Sanders, motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Sanders recognized Robbie Roberts, Pinson Library Board Director. Mr. Roberts mentioned that the Pinson Library has been accepted by the Jefferson County Library Cooperative, and we are required to pay some Start Up fees. Mr. Roberts stated that the Board received an excellent response to the ad for a Library Director and the Board is in the process of looking over the candidates now. Mr. Roberts added that the hours of operation will be, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and possibly open one night a week later, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.

Councilor Churchwell made a motion to approve the required Start Up fees in the amount of \$29,545.00. 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."

Mayor Sanders recognized Ronnie Dixon, Executive Director of the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dixon stated that he was appointed to the position of Executive Director, June 1, 2011, to replace Phil Sims. Mr. Dixon stated that there are 80 days until the Alabama Butterbean Festival and there are some new events planned for this year. Mr. Dixon announced the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held, Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., at the Clay Community Center. Nelson Brook, Black Warrior Riverkeeper will be speaking regarding the Northern Beltline. Ken's Barbeque will provide the food. Cost is \$12.00, non-members and \$10.00 members.

Council Shelnutt asked Mr. Dixon to comment on a statement made by Councilor Cochran regarding the Chamber of Commerce recruiting business. Councilor Shelnutt reported that the quote by Councilor Cochran stated that involving the Chamber would be a conflict of interest since it represents both Clay and Pinson and business recruitment is competitive among municipalities, regarding the Las Vegas Retail Convention, the Chamber has a function in the community but when it comes down to going out and trying to recruit competitively for our community the Chamber represents two cities and you don't want to put them in that ethical dilemma. Mr. Dixon stated that he felt that the purpose of an Executive Director was to promote growth. Mr. Dixon added that he plans to work with both Pinson and Clay councils to recruit business in both areas. Mr. Dixon stated that he did not know the context of the quote but it would not be an ethical dilemma for him.

Public Comment: None

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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