

Council Minutes
March 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, March 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 Churchwell

Absent:

Councilor Shelnutt
Councilor McCain

Minutes: Councilor Churchwell made a motion to waive the reading of the March 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 March 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 \$50,173.74, 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."

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.

Councilor Cochran reported that the Public Safety Committee met on, Thursday, March 10, 2011, to discuss various items of concern. Councilor Cochran stated that the committee discussed the issue of asphalt or gravel at the P.V.H.S. Walking Track/Trail project and it was unanimous within the committee that it would be wise to have asphalt. The recommendation of the committee is that if it were to move forward then asphalt would be best, but the committee is not making a recommendation to build a road. Additionally there was discussion of adding more contract deputies.

Enhancement: Mayor Sanders mentioned that CityFest will be held on April 2, 2011, and plans are moving forward and going well.

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 Sanders mentioned that the P.V.H.S. Theatrical Department students received some awards recently. Sydney Fields placed 7th in the Statewide Istanbul Center's Essay Contest with "Empathy

Walking in Another's Shoes" As well as the following students which received awards at State Competition at Samford University, Kate McGuire; Mallery Wright; Rebecca Garner; Daniel Hill and Mamena Pope at Rudd Middle School.

Councilor Cochran announced that April 9, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. there will be a Recycle Day at P.V.H.S. with the proceeds going to the P.V.H.S. Band Boosters.

Councilor Cochran mentioned that the P.V.H.S. Softball Team played in the Dora Invitational and P.V.H.S. went 3 and 1 in the Tournament but lost 1-0 to Parrish in the championship game.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the P.V.H.S. Baseball Team placed 2nd out of 8 teams at the Baseball tournament in South Alabama.

Mayor's Report: Councilor Cochran made a motion to approve the expense for paving at P.V.Y.A. in the approximate amount of \$33,000.00. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that this would include paving past the ball fields on the left closest to the football field, also fix an area on the visitor's side and make a turnaround area for an ambulance as well as enhance the ADA Compliance capabilities. Councilor Cochran stated that currently the quote is for \$33,000.00 but feels that after looking at the sketches and the additions needed we should probably need to approve an additional \$5,000.00 to complete those expansions mentioned. Councilor Churchwell agreed with the changes to the original motion. Mayor Sanders stated friendly amendment to increase the estimate by \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote on the motion as amended with the following results:

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

Mayor Sanders, motion passes unanimously.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to approve a quote for Locksmith work at P.V.Y.A. and the proposed Library area at cost of approximately \$3,100.00. 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 motion with the following results:

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

Mayor Sanders, motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Sanders mentioned that the electrical work continues at PHCC.

Mayor Sanders stated that we have nomination forms for the County Board of Equalization if you know of anyone interested.

Old Business: Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve a quote in the amount of \$1,285.00 from Don's Carpet One for carpet in the new Deputies Office. 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 motion with the following results:

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

Mayor Sanders, motion passes unanimously.

New Business: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning the membership of the Library Board of the City of Pinson, Alabama. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the members are Danny Churchwell; Tamisha Parker; Stanley Moss; Robbie Roberts; and Patrick Coleman. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further 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 Churchwell-yes.

Mayor Sanders, resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 11-12.

Mayor Sanders announced that the newly appointed Library Board will hold a meeting on March 31, 2011, at 6:30, at City Hall. Councilor Churchwell stated that the members will serve a separate number of years from 1-5 years.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize preparation of site maps and road count work done in preparation of attendance of the Retail Real Estate Convention. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. Councilor Cochran stated that the cost of this is between \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Councilor Churchwell asked if it is possible that RPC might have some of the overhead maps needed. Mayor Sanders stated that a former city resident offered to help us with some of the information, and any available information that we have at no charge we will use. Councilor Churchwell added that Skipper should have some of the counts from the school. Mayor Sanders, yes. Mayor Sanders called for any further discussion. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Sanders called for all opposed to say "no", all in favor say "aye." Mayor Sanders said "Let the record reflect that the motion passed unanimously."

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution supporting the Reauthorization of Forever Wild. Councilor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for any discussion. As there was no further 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 Churchwell-yes.

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

Public Comment:

- 1.) Robbie Roberts, Fire Board. Stated that the fire department has started the new transport and within starting they did 3 transports. The Fire Department was able to purchase a unit from Peachtree in Atlanta for \$45,000.00. New units run around \$110,000.00- \$120,000.00.
- 2.) Barry Wilson, President PHCC. Thanked council for all their help in improving PHCC and mentioned that anyone inquiring renting PHCC should be directed to Patsy Shelnett.
- 3.) Phil Sims, Executive Director, Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sims mentioned that the attendance of the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheons have increased from approximately 20 in attendance in October to approximately 70 in attendance at the most recent meeting. Since January, membership of Pinson Businesses has increased, and Mr. Sims reminded everyone to Shop Local First, which is a campaign that the Chamber will launch in June. Mr. Sims announced that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, there will be a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held at First Baptist Church Pinson, and the cost to attend will be \$10.00. The guest speaker is Scott Myers, ASHF, and former Steel Dogs Owner. Mr. Sims added that he appreciates the councils support.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk

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