

Council Minutes  
May 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street on Thursday, May 19, 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

**Absent:**  
Councilor McCain

**Minutes:** Councilor Shelnett made a motion to waive the reading of the May 5, 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 May 5, 2011, meeting. Councilor Churchwell 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 Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$60,449.49, 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:** Mayor Sanders, Councilor Churchwell, Councilor Cochran and Commissioner Joe Knight attended the Open House of Station #2 Center Point Fire Department on May 9, 2011. Matt Angelo is the new Fire Marshall of Center Point Fire Department and Donnie West is the new Fire Chief. Mayor Sanders presented the Center Point Fire Department with check in the amount of \$12,000.00 previously approved at an earlier meeting.

**Enhancement:** Mayor Sanders announced that the City of Pinson will host Movies in the Park at Solid Rock Church on May 20, 2011. Mayor Sanders added that the movie to be shown is Yogi Bear and will begin at dusk.

**Education:** Mayor Sanders mentioned that PVHS Graduation will be May 26, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Mayor Sanders reported that the Pinson Valley Concert Band earned 1<sup>st</sup> place concert in Class A and received the William Reveli Reward for the Overall Concert Band of the Festival at the Festivals of Music in Chicago.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sanders announced that the Alabama League of Municipalities meeting has been rescheduled for June 25-June 28, 2011, in Huntsville.

Mayor Sanders asked that anyone who might be hiring a Contractor to work on their home that they be sure the Contractor has the proper credentials and business license.

Councilor Cochran made a motion to have trees affecting Innsbrooke Parkway culvert and PHCC removed at a cost of approximately \$1,300.00. 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."

**Old Business:** Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance to establish the emergency public ways excavation policy of the City of Pinson, Alabama. 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 resolution with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as, Ordinance 2011-07.**

Councilor Cochran offered an ordinance to establish the non-emergency public ways excavation policy of the City of Pinson, Alabama. 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 with the following results: Mayor Sanders-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Cochran-yes; Councilor Shelnett-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes.

**Mayor Sanders, ordinance adopted unanimously as, Ordinance 2011-08.**

Councilor Cochran made a motion to authorize summer security at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that this would help to preserve the family environment at the preserve and the cost would be around \$3,000 to \$5,000. Councilor Cochran stated that we would carry the brunt of the expense but we would pursue options of other assistance. 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."

Councilor Shelnett asked if Councilor Cochran has prepared a list of the businesses he plans to target at the upcoming Retail Convention and asked Councilor Cochran to email council prior to going and update them later. Councilor Cochran stated that he would be glad to.

**New Business:** Mayor Sanders offered a first reading of an ordinance of the City of Pinson relating to the abatement of grass and weeds and to the prosecution of grass and weeds violations.

Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Director of 37 years, Perry Roquemore, Jr., will be retiring.

Mayor Sanders offered a first reading of the 2011-2012 Budget.

**Public Comment:** None.

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

Attorney Frank Galloway, according to the Alabama Open Meetings Law, I provide certification that this Executive Session is necessary to discuss pending and/or threatening litigation.

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 20 minutes. Mayor Sanders added that we will progress leisurely to the back, feel free to talk with us if you would like.

Councilor Shelnut left the council meeting at this time and did not attend the executive session.

Mayor Sanders called council out of executive session.

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 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

**May 19, 2011 Minutes Adopted \_\_\_\_\_**