

Council Minutes  
February 4, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street, on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Councilor Roberts 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:

Councilor Tanner  
Councilor Walker  
Councilor Roberts  
Councilor Churchwell  
Councilor Kirkland  
Mayor Cochran

**Minutes:** Mayor Cochran indicated that minutes from January 21 will held until the next meeting.

**Annual Library Report:** Allison Scanlan, Director, Pinson Public Library gave the annual library report, presenting the council with library statistics from the last year as well as information about adaptations in library scheduling due to the Covid 19 Virus.

**Committee Chair Comments:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$57,144.78, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner said that about \$21,000 for RBI Contracting for a water tap at Turkey Creek Nation Preserve. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say “no”. Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect the ayes carry."

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Cochran spoke about updating and replacing city phones and reducing the monthly bill to \$4000.00 per year. Mayor Cochran also mentioned the Pinson High School Softball teams upcoming Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 at Palmerdale Homestead Community Center. Mayor Cochran reported regarding Rusk trailer park and the tornado update. Mayor Cochran explained that though Rusk Mobile Home Park is not in the corporate boundaries of the City of Pinson, the children attend Pinson schools and are part of greater Pinson family there was a tremendous amount of damage. Mayor Cochran went on to say that much of the relief effort has been accomplished through local churches, mentioning that Matthew Marsh of Palmerdale Cross was gathering relief donations and that financial donations could be made through Pinson City Hall.

**Old Business:** Councilor Roberts offered a motion to purchase office furniture and a fireproof filing cabinet in the amount of \$10,600.00. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained that City Hall was changing spaces and have furnishing needs. Mayor

Cochran called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor say “aye” all opposed say “no”. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the City of Pinson Employee Manual, saying that is to be sent to the city Attorneys to review changes made by the Council and called for any further discussion. Councilor Roberts mentioned that the work session held last Thursday was a lengthy meeting where it was thoroughly vetted.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about the digital sign photo designs for the Rock School Center and Bicentennial park and discussed adding a library sign, adding that they will get pricing soon.

**New Business:** Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution concerning fire hydrant installation in the amount of \$4100.00 the first year and \$235.44 yearly. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect the resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 21-2.**

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract to hire a grant writer on a retainer for \$350.00 a month with a \$1,000.00 for each grant he would write. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. As there was no discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed say “no”. Councilor Tanner abstained. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect the ayes carry with one abstain’.**

Councilor Walker offered a resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with management of Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran mentioned that the contract would help pay salary for management of TCNP \$20,000. Mayor Cochran called for a vote for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran, **‘unanimous consent passes’.** Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. As there was none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main resolution with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the Resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 21-5.’**

Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution appointing members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for the City of Pinson, appointing Pat Wise to a full term, David Gilliam to a full term, Hoyt Sanders is appointed to a vacant member’s position, and a new appointment for Grant Mitchel. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, spoke explaining the BZA board’s purpose and specifics. Attorney Black also spoke about the importance of the BZA. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main Resolution with the

following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 21-6.’**

**Mayor Cochran opened the public hearing regarding an ordinance changing the zoning classification of real estate located at 6055 and 6059 Lakeside Drive. As there was no one present to speak for or against, Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing.**

Councilor Walker offered an ordinance changing the zoning classification of real estate 6055 and 6059 Lakeside Drive. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained the reason for the zoning change. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules.** Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, spoke about the zoning change. Mayor Cochran spoke to the zoning change, explaining that the property has been annexed into the city and needs to be officially changed from Jefferson County Agricultural to City of Pinson Agricultural. **Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.** Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. As there was none, Mayor Cochran called for a vote for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. As there was none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-4.’**

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion authorizing HVAC quote in the amount of \$1281.00 for the mayor’s office. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor say “aye” all opposed say “no”. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve the purchase of Ring Doorbell for three doors at Pinson City Hall in the amount of \$655.44. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor say “aye” all opposed say “no”. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Councilor Tanner offered a Resolution to proclaim the City of Pinson a Human Trafficking Free Zone. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote on the Resolution with the following results; Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – abstain, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the Resolution passed with one abstention as Resolution 21-7.’**

Councilor Tanner mentioned that area basketball next week would be hosted at Pinson Valley High School.

Councilor Kirkland mentioned that City Fest is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve \$15,000 to host City Fest. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the

motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After further discussion, Councilor Kirkland agreed to withdraw the motion until next meeting.

**Public Comment:** Pat Wise, Senior Coordinator, City of Pinson, spoke regarding a community dance to be held at the Rock School Event Room on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:30-9:00 with line dancing to be taught at a charge of \$3.00 beginning at 5 PM to 6 PM. Mrs. Wise spoke about the Covid precautions that would be taken including temperature checks.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn by Councilor Walker, second by Councilor Tanner.

Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

<b>Bills: 2-4-2021</b>					
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$1,599.96			
	Rock School-	\$3,330.32			
	Community Center-	\$212.35			
	PHCC-	\$4,747.95			
	Powell Ave.-	\$152.45			
	PYSC-	\$1,746.44			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,835.33			
	School Drive-	\$332.85			
	Bradford-	\$135.85			
	Christmas Lights-	\$86.43			
	Box Cam-	\$2,166.71			
Stark Exterminators-	City Hall-	\$153.00			
	PYSC-	\$216.00			
Charter-	City Hall-	\$405.87			
AT&T-		\$1,497.85			
Regions-General Obligation- 2014		\$1,141.08			
Xerox-		\$28.23			
Lockcorp-		\$115.00			
Lights of Christmas-		\$1,565.58			
Chris Sharit- PVHS1/26, 1/30		\$280.00			
<b>John Leon- PVHS 1/30</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>			
RBI Contracting- TCNP		\$21,000.00			
Birmingham Southern College- TNCP		\$530.60			
AT&T- Bicentennial		\$84.81			
AT&T-Internet- Bicentennial		\$106.89			
Basketball Officials- PYSC		\$120.00			
Kellis- PYSC		\$4,538.78			
Alabama Recreation & Parks Assoc.- PYSC		\$75.00			
AT&T- Bradford		\$185.30			
T-Mobile- Library		\$624.75			
Kyocera- Library		\$27.68			
Kanaopy- Library		\$33.00			
Hoopla- Library		\$616.14			
JCLC- Library		\$2,663.38			
Demco- Library- State Aid		\$480.39			
Penworthy- Library- State Aid		\$997.93			
Wex- Public Works		\$246.17			
Verizon- (Misc Rd)		\$917.33			
Eastern Tree Service- Misc Rd.		\$500.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<b>\$507.38</b>			
	Total:	\$57,144.78			
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale- To Be Paid 2/18/2021-		\$ 2,585.75			