

Council Minutes
February 18, 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 18, 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: Councilor Walker offered a motion to wave the readings of the minutes from January 21, January 28th, and February 4th. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry’. Councilor Churchwell made a motion to accept the minutes from January 21, January 28th, and February 4th as written. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. Mayor Cochran – ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry the minutes are approved’.

Special Presentations: Ronnie Dixon, of the Alabama Butterbean Festival and the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce gave the chamber and 2020 ABBF report. Mr. Dixon spoke about changes that were implemented due to COVID-19 and gave statistics about the ABBF Facebook engagement rates as well as information about the vendors from last year. Mr. Dixon answered questions from the council, mentioning that at least 36,000 people were in attendance last year and that this year he expects sixty-five vendors vs. the normal 160. Mayor Cochran mentioned increased allotment to the chamber from \$10,000 to \$20,000 which would happen later in the meeting.

Senator Linda Coleman presented a check from District 20 Jefferson County Community Services grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the City of Pinson for Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Senator Coleman, Mayor Cochran, and Roald Hazelhoff of the Turkey Creek Nature preserve all spoke briefly.

Charlie Polmatier of Borland Benefield gave a presentation regarding the Audit of the City Budget for the 2020 Fiscal year, giving details indicating that the City of Pinson was in strong financial shape.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$103,970.30, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor

Cochran asked if there were any highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner said that the audit to Borland and Benefield was \$16,935, contract with the deputies was about \$34,000, the demo was \$11,500, and Building Specialists was \$11,268 for Turkey Creek Nature preserve. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say “no”. Mayor Cochran “Let the record reflect the ayes carry.”

Enhancements: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve \$15,000 in funding for CityFest. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that Fun Source typically provides rides but and that since we may not be able to get them this year, this budget would allow us to hire entertainment. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say “no”. Mayor Cochran “Let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously.”

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran gave a report about two mayors meetings he attended. Mayor Cochran also spoke regarding Rusk Mobile Home Park and tornado relief. Mayor Cochran announced a BBQ cook off on March 6 at Bicentennial Park from 11:00 AM to -5:00 PM, coordinated by Pinson Helping Pinson, benefiting Rusk Mobile Home Park. Mayor Cochran mentioned there had been a lot of volunteerism from local churches and continued to say that donation efforts have been focused from a city perspective through Palmerdale Cross Baptist Church.

Mayor Cochran also mentioned that tomorrow night at 6:30 the Pinson Valley Indians will be in the 2nd round of playoffs at home against Scottsboro.

Old Business: Councilor Roberts offered a motion to purchase 240 tons of crushed rock combined with labor from Game Day in the amount of \$29,800.00 to redo all infields at Pinson Youth Sports Complex. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say “no”. Mayor Cochran “Let the record reflect the ayes carry.”

Councilor Walker offered a resolution to increase the allocation for Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce from \$10,000 to \$20,000 year. Councilor Tanner 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–abstain, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes.

Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect the resolution passes unanimously with one abstention as Resolution 21-3.

Mayor Cochran explained that Councilor Churchwell abstained due to his position as a member of the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for advertising and promotion with the Clay Pinson Chamber of Commerce for the 2021 Alabama Butterbean Festival. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. After a brief explanation, Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote

with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – abstain, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes.

Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect that passed with one abstention as Resolution 21-4.

New Business: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adopt the 2019/2020 audit. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed say “no”.

Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the motion was adopted unanimously.’”

Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of a Spire Franchise agreement.

Councilor Roberts offered a first reading regarding garbage cans for Pinson Youth Sports Complex.

Councilor Tanner offered a discussion concerning adding new items and features to the Splash Pad at Bicentennial park. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works City of Pinson, spoke to the issue, mentioning his suggestions for changes and pricing. Councilor Tanner said she would narrow in on her thoughts on features at next meeting.

Councilor Roberts entered a discussion with Director Winfrey. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Roberts offered a motion authorizing up to \$5,000 in funds for fencing at Bicentennial Park. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed say “no”.

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Councilor Roberts mentioned an opening that will be happening soon for the Pinson Library Board and encouraged citizens to look for that announcement on the City’s Facebook page and on the Library website so that interested parties can mail an application or drop it by City Hall in care of Councilor Roberts. Mayor Cochran added that we also want to hear if you are interested in participating in the Friends of the Library as well.

Councilor Churchwell presented documentation regarding the Emergency Services Training Facility that is under construction and the financial needs surrounding it. Councilor Churchwell went on to say that Chris Horn of the Center Point Fire District will attend the March 4 Council Meeting and field council’s questions.

Councilor Tanner spoke about a Pinson Valley High School Theater play occurring on 2/19 and 2/20 at 6 PM with admission price a donation at the door for the PVHS Theater Program.

Public Comment: Ronnie Dixon mentioned that the Cities of Pinson and Clay are going to coordinate their Splash Pad openings according to Health Department Mandates.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 2-18-2021					
Regions-		\$13,020.24			
Birmingham Water-	Community Center-	\$50.19			
	Rock School-	\$198.61			
	Triangle Park-	\$27.60			
	Powell Ave.-	\$46.40			
	PHCC-	\$202.11			
	PYSC-	\$173.07			
	Bradford-	\$27.66			
	Bicentennial-	\$285.65			
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66			
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$519.80			
	Rock School-	\$1,598.94			
	Community Center-	\$171.64			
	Bicentennial-	\$286.99			
	Powell Ave.-	\$140.72			
Start Exterminator-	City Hall-	\$15.00			
	PYSC-	\$54.00			
	Community Center-	\$105.00			
	Powell Ave.-	\$100.00			
	Rock School-	\$90.00			
Termite Renewals-	City Hall-	\$607.00			
	Bicentennial-	\$258.00			
	Community Center-	\$205.00			
	Rock School-	\$1,106.00			
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-		\$2,585.75			
Apex-		\$2,373.71			
Borland Benefield-		\$16,935.00			
Greater Birmingham Humane		\$740.81			
VC3-		\$4,520.14			
JT Smallwood- Venus Ave. Prpty Tax		\$234.16			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-		\$34,000.00			
Xerox-		\$87.29			
Eastern Treel Service- 4201 Oak St W. Demo		\$11,500.00			
Architecture Works- TCNP Pavilion		\$295.00			
Building Specialties Co-	TCNP Pavilion	\$11,268.43			
	City Hall-	\$3,012.00			
Chris Sharit- PVHS 2/9, 2/12		\$210.00			
Game Day Athletic Surfaces- PVHS Baseball		\$6,000.00			
Advanced Disposal-	Rock School-	\$152.68			
Basketball Officials- PYSC		\$480.00			
BSN Sports- PYSC		\$190.00			
Metro Trailer- PYSC		\$20.00			
AT&T- PHCC		\$5.09			
Kyocera- Library		\$26.62			
Verizon Connect- Public Works		\$152.00			
O'Reilly's- Public Works		\$422.99			
Sweeping Corp of America- (Misc Rd)		\$2,438.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<u>\$23.59</u>			
	Total:	\$103,970.30			
Hometown Bank- \$ 5,246.19					