

Council Minutes
March 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, March 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
Mayor Cochran

Absent:
Councilor Kirkland

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to wave the readings of the minutes from February 18, 2021. 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 Tanner made a motion to accept the minutes from February 18, 2021 as written. Councilor Churchwell 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’.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$106,876.07 a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner said that \$52,025.74 was paid to Grayson Construction for work at Turkey Creek Nature preserve and \$12,105 was paid for bleachers for PYSC. 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."

Annexations: Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance annexing certain property at 5455 Country Road, Pinson AL into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes. Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘**let the record reflect the ordinance passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-5.**’

Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance annexing certain property at 3809 Osage Lane, Pinson, AL into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes. Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, -yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘**let the record reflect the ordinance passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-6.**”

Mayor Cochran suspended rules.

Zoning Commission Report: Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, gave a report from the planning Commission regarding Post annexation zoning of 4461 Main Street.

Mayor Cochran opened the Public Hearing. As there was no one present to speak for or against, **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing and reinstated rules.**

Councilor Roberts offered an ordinance regarding changing the zoning classification of 4461 Main Street. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes. 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–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran ‘**let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-7.**”

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner opened a discussion of entertainment and food vendors for CityFest. Councilor Tanner mentioned that they are still lining up entertainment. Councilor Walker gave an update on the digital sign repair work, mentioning that work is to begin mid-month.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran gave an update on tornado recovery in Rusk and Ware Mobile Home Parks. Mayor Cochran spoke about United Way partnering with Catholic Charities as well as other charitable organizations who will be organizing meetings and interviews to make certain that people’s needs are being met. Mayor Cochran also announced a BBQ Cookoff to occur March 6, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM that all proceeds will go to help the Mobile Home Parks.

Councilor Walker mentioned the building networks and the need to upgrade the network infrastructure. Councilor Walker stated that we need additional areas to network and looking at options including network switches physical connectivity but that they would be bringing more detailed options before the council later. Mayor Cochran added that it would probably take approximately \$4-\$5,000 to facilitate the entire building and went on to say that there would be more information to come.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that playground repairs to begin mid-month from the March 15th-March 18th and that the playground would be closed for 48 hours.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules.

Bob Jones, zoning administrator, spoke to permitting and inspections on taking ownership of the process, opening a discussion between the mayor, council, and Attorney Black. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to gather more information for consideration.

Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran spoke to the fact that trash collection and disposal services are about to expire and discussion of new bid on current contract. Mayor Cochran mentioned that Advance Disposal was bought out by Waste Management and that the company is reducing services by discontinuing recycling and debris removal. Mayor Cochran continued to say that a 2–3-week time frame for bidding and a possible extension of the contract for 90 days to six months with Waste Management. Mayor Cochran asked direction from council to go out to seek bids for trash removal from other companies. Councilor Walker offered a motion authorizing the mayor to put out a bid for trash removal. Councilor Roberts 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 unanimously.”**

Old Business: Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve purchase of trash receptacles for Pinson Youth Sports Complex from the lowest bidder which is, The Park Facilities, at a cost of \$15, 607.45 for 24 cans. Councilor Tanner 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 Churchwell spoke regarding a recommendation for assistance for Center Point Fire District with funding a training facility and a fire truck. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules.** Captain Chris Horn and Chief Gene Coleman of the Center Point Fire Department to speak to this issue. Chief Coleman gave specifics regarding the fire truck itself. After some discussion, Councilor Roberts made a motion to pay Center Point Fire District an annual sum of \$20,000.00 for five years to assist with paying off the fire truck. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.’** 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 unanimously.”**

Captain Chris Horn and Chief Gene Coleman answered questions from the mayor and council, giving details about the training facility, including phases of construction, costs, and benefits to Pinson and surrounding communities. After this lengthy discussion, the Council decided that the matter of the training facility would be taken up in two weeks.

Shane Black, City Attorney, City of Pinson, spoke to the Spire franchise agreement. Mayor Cochran gave him permission to move forward with changes and present final documentation provided the Council had no objections.

Councilor Tanner opened a discussion about additional features for the splash pad. Mayor Cochran suspended rules and recognized Eric Winfrey, Pinson Public Works Director, who answered questions about potential specifications. After a brief discussion, it was decided to take up at the next meeting. The Mayor thanked the Eric and his crew for their hard work at city hall and for his great crew who takes pride in being employees for the City of Pinson.

New Business: Councilor Roberts offered a motion to move forward with the proposal from the Hendon and Huckstien Architectural Firm for the master plan for PYSC \$7850.00 and the PHCC window refurbishing at \$4800. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.’** 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 Tanner offered a motion appointing Mayor Cochran as a voting delegate at the Alabama League of Municipalities annual May conference with First Alternate, Brad Walker, and Second Alternate, John Churchwell. 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 Walker offered a motion authorizing the mayor to purchase an upgrade for zoning mapping software in the amount of \$1500. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, to answer questions from the council. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules and asked for any further 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 motion to amend and redesignate the position of Parks Assistant to the position of Athletic Director. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran: **‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.’** Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Walker gave some clarification on the reasons for the change, mentioning that the position will be more focused on the youth sports. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion, seeing no further discussion, Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell–yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect the resolution passes unanimously as Resolution 21-8.’**

Mayor Cochran announced plans for the Huddle House to open at 2:00 PM, March 31, 2021, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councilor Roberts invited anyone who had an interest in becoming a member of the library board or a friend of the library to contact the Pinson Public Library.

Councilor Tanner announced Miss Pinson Valley Pageant occurring Saturday March 13, 2021, 6 PM in Pinson High school Auditorium.

Public Comment: Mayor Cochran called for any Public Comment.

Jason Howell, Fire Chief of Palmerdale Fire Department, asked to make a special twenty-minute presentation at the next meeting. Mayor Cochran agreed and asked the clerk to make note of that.

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

Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect the motion to adjourn passes unanimously'.

Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

| Bills: 3-4-2021 | | | | | |
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| Alabama Power- | City Hall- | \$1,372.06 | | | |
| | Rock School- | \$2,776.44 | | | |
| | Community Center- | \$183.01 | | | |
| | PHCC- | \$3,963.94 | | | |
| | Powell Ave.- | \$111.01 | | | |
| | PYSC- | \$1,661.46 | | | |
| | Triangle- | \$47.45 | | | |
| | Bicentennial Park- | \$2,222.20 | | | |
| | School Drive- | \$410.62 | | | |
| | Bradford- | \$108.42 | | | |
| | Box Cam- | \$2,166.71 | | | |
| AT&T- | | \$1,509.48 | | | |
| Best Insurance- | | \$1,929.00 | | | |
| Jefferson Cty EMA- | | \$957.00 | | | |
| Apex- | | \$2,002.46 | | | |
| Central Station- | | \$220.00 | | | |
| Greg Morris- | | \$680.00 | | | |
| Chris Sharit- PVHS 2/19 / 2/1 | | \$245.00 | | | |
| Andrew Martin- | | \$675.00 | | | |
| Grayson Construction- TNCP Pavillion | | \$52,025.54 | | | |
| Fravert- TCNP Pavillion | | \$965.00 | | | |
| Lockcorp- PHVS Baseball | | \$841.50 | | | |
| Hoskins Supply- PVHS / Rudd | | \$885.00 | | | |
| AT&T-Internet- Bicentennial | | \$96.90 | | | |
| AT&T- Bicentennial- | | \$85.45 | | | |
| Uline- Bicentennial | | \$2,597.75 | | | |
| Kellis- PYSC | | \$969.81 | | | |
| Outdoor Aluminum- PYSC | | \$12,105.00 | | | |
| BSN Sports- PYSC | | \$434.24 | | | |
| Metro Trailer- PYSC | | \$20.00 | | | |
| AT&T- Bradford | | \$185.17 | | | |
| Amazon- Library | | \$3,172.11 | | | |
| Midwest- Library | | \$14.99 | | | |
| Kanaopy- Library | | \$39.00 | | | |
| Hoopla- Library | | \$602.59 | | | |
| JCLC- Library | | \$295.00 | | | |
| Demco- Library- | | \$1,291.15 | | | |
| Dell- Library | | \$307.16 | | | |
| Zoobean- Library | | \$675.50 | | | |
| Overdrive- Library | | \$635.13 | | | |
| Ingram- Library- | | \$2,464.77 | | | |
| Scott Tire Outlet- Public Works | | \$1,491.44 | | | |
| O'Reilly- Public Works | | \$103.03 | | | |
| Verizon- (Misc Rd) | | \$1,156.30 | | | |
| Alabama Power- (7/2) | | \$175.28 | | | |
| | Total: | \$106,876.07 | | | |
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| Hand Arendall Harrison Sale- To Be Paid 3/18/2021- | | \$ 2,288.14 | | | |
| Birmingham Southern Management- | | \$20,000.00 | | | |

| Account Balances @ 2/26/2020: | |
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| Regions General Fund | \$ 1,593,859.59 |
| Regions MM Capital Fund | 2,197.84 |
| Regions Debt.Srv.Rock Sch. | 9,340.51 |
| Hometown Library Fund | 5,177.83 |
| Hometown 4-6-5 | 28,172.23 |
| Hometown 7-2 | 17,677.22 |
| Hometown Misc. Road | 35,461.27 |
| Hometown 10 cent tax | 28,342.60 |
| Hometown Saving Acct | 577,964.56 |