

Council Minutes
March 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, March 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 Kirkland offered a motion to wave the readings of the minutes from March 4, 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 Churchwell made a motion to accept the minutes from March 4, 2021 as written. Councilor Kirkland 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’.

Fire Reports: Chief Gene Coleman of the Center Point Fire District gave the Fire Department Report. Chief Dahlen spoke to plans for the training center. Captain Chris Horn also gave a report. Chief Jason Howell gave the Fire Department report for the Palmerdale Fire District. Captain Richard Archer of the Palmerdale Fire Department spoke about the storm shelter at Palmerdale and thanked the city for providing the last of the required funds to make the Firefighter Memorial happen.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$84,919.29, 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 \$25,000.00 to the Sheriff’s Deputies, bleachers for Pinson Youth Sports Complex were \$12,105.000 and the crushed brick for the ballfields was 13,677.27. 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 opened a discussion regarding entertainment and food vendors for CityFest. Councilor Tanner also mentioned that movies in the Park will begin in May, but we will have more information in the next meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cochran gave an update on tornado recovery in Rusk and Ware Mobile Home Parks, mentioning that many relief efforts have been coordinated through EMA, United Way, and other organizations. Mayor Cochran mentioned that the BBQ Cook-Off raised 1,800.00 toward tornado relief.

Mayor Cochran commented on the playground equipment repair, stating that it was completed except for swings and mats which are to be delivered tomorrow.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding permitting and inspection, mentioning that there is a need to take on this service and it could be used to promote development in the city. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that this was something that we need to do. Councilor Kirkland mentioned that it would be well worth having.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding trash collection and disposal services, mentioning a new bid on the current contract and a pre-bid meeting to occur 3/24 with bid opening 4/7 at 3:00 PM.

Mayor Cochran gave a report regarding Charter Communications updating internet to fiberoptic at all City Facilities including Pinson Youth Sports Complex, Bicentennial Park, Rock School Center, City Hall, and Palmerdale Homestead Community Center at no additional cost.

Old Business: Councilor Walker spoke to building network upgrades to network infrastructure quote. After a brief discussion, the quote was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve a quote for additional Splash Pad features in the amount of \$12,432.50. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner said that she would pick a color. Councilor Churchwell said that it has been several years since anything was done, that it sounded like a lot of money, but it will also add access for about eight people. As there was no further discussion, 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 Roberts offered a motion to approve the City of Pinson Employee manual. Councilor Tanner 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 to say "no". **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect that the ayes carry."**

New Business: Councilor Roberts offered a proclamation honoring William H. Cox on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. Councilor Kirkland 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 offered an ordinance concerning the support of concession activities at Pinson Valley High School. After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to table the ordinance for a later meeting.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve quote of \$3,503.45 for office furniture for the city clerk's office. Councilor Roberts 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 Roberts offered a motion to approve a quote for a new copier/fax/scanner for Pinson Public Library which could integrate with the software at Jefferson County Library Cooperative. After a discussion regarding the exact amount involved, Mayor Cochran suspended rules and asked Allison Scanlan, Director, Pinson Public Library, to speak to the amount. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Roberts amended his motion to the amount of \$4,530.00. Councilor Walker 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 to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry'**.

Councilor Walker offered a motion approve quote for two laptops for Public Works and Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$5,799.92. Councilor Kirkland 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 to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry'**.

Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of a resolution to contract with GBHS for animal control and pound services.

Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of a quote for electrical work to be done at the Rock School Center Event Room with electrical outlets in the amount of \$10,625.000.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve increase of the Pinson Valley Head Coach grant by \$5,000, bringing the total to \$15,000. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a discussion, 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 Roberts opened a discussion concerning the rebranding of rock school facilities via new signage. After a lengthy discussion, council decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules and asked Chief Howell of the Palmerdale Fire Department to come and speak again. Chief Howell opened a discussion regarding urgent needs in Palmerdale Fire Department, answering questions from all council members. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay Palmerdale Fire Department \$75,000.00 in \$25,000.00 increments quarterly. Councilor Churchwell made a motion to recommend for \$25,000 to be allocated to the Palmerdale Fire Department with more to be discussed later. After further discussion, Councilor Churchwell withdrew his motion. Councilor Walker duly seconded the Councilor Tanners motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Walker mentioned the need to revisit to see what to do from there. After 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes.

Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the motion carries unanimously’.

Chief Coleman of the Center Point Fire District presented a slide show of the new training facility.

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

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

Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 3-18-2021					
Regions-		\$15,196.92			
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-	\$449.71			
	Community Center-	\$66.19			
	Rock School-	\$182.63			
	Triangle Park-	\$27.66			
	Powell Ave.-	\$42.86			
	PHCC-	\$231.31			
	PYSC-	\$173.07			
	Bradford-	\$27.66			
	Bicentennial-	\$285.70			
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66			
	TCNP Pavillion-	\$358.62			
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$442.38			
	Rock School-	\$1,146.41			
	Community Center-	\$170.62			
	Bicentennial-	\$240.19			
	Powell Ave.-	\$127.87			
Start Exterminator-	Rock School-	\$180.00			
	Bicentennial-	\$150.00			
	PYSC-	\$45.00			
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-		\$2,288.14			
Charter-	Rock School-	\$338.93			
Borland Benefield-		\$4,700.00			
Greater Birmingham Humane		\$1,229.81			
VC3-		\$2,331.75			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-		\$25,500.00			
Center Point Fire District- Fire Inspector		\$2,873.00			
Pitney Bowes-		\$518.11			
Advanced Disposal-	Rock School-	\$131.49			
Uline-	Bicentennial-	\$1,491.97			
Struthers Recreation-	Bicentennial-	\$5,408.12			
Jeff Co Dpt of Heath-	Bicentennial-	\$150.00			
Athletic Field Supply-	PYSC-	\$1,269.25			
Outdoor Aluminum-	PYSC-	\$12,105.00			
Basketball Officials-	PYSC-	\$180.00			
Eds Lock & Key / AL Secr.	PYSC-	\$420.00			
	Bradford-	\$240.00			
Southern Red Rock-	PYSC-	\$13,677.25			
Utilities Board of Oneonta-	PHCC-	\$12.84			
AT&T-	PHCC-	\$110.61			
Kyocera- Library		\$129.66			
Verizon Connect- Public Works		\$152.00			
O'Reilly's- Public Works		\$222.03			
Argo Power Equipment- Public Works		\$342.68			
Scott's Tire Outlet- Public Works		\$64.00			
AAA Environmental Services- Public Works		\$1,463.00			
Sweeping Corp of America- (Misc Rd)		\$2,438.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$1,205.82			
	Total:	\$84,919.29			
Hometown Bank- \$ 5,246.19					
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale- To Be Paid- 4/8/2021- \$ 3,049.06					