

Council Minutes
April 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street, on Thursday, April 1, 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

Mayor Cochran recognized the loss of former Council Member Barbara Clifton and extended condolences to her family.

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to wave the readings of the minutes from March 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 ‘that passes unanimously’. Councilor Kirkland made a motion to accept the minutes from March 18, 2021 as written. Councilor Tanner 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 are unanimous on approving the minutes’.

Fire Reports:

Jody Harris, President of Center Point Fire District Board, thanked the council for the donation toward the purchase of a fire truck.

Chief Gene Coleman of the Center Point Fire Department gave the Fire Department Report.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,331.64, 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 Jefferson County EMA was paid \$9,527.00 and another bill was Kellis for field maintenance. 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."

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner opened a discussion regarding CityFest, mentioning that the Splash Pad will be open at no cost from 10-2 the day of City Fest. Councilor Tanner mentioned that spike ball and disk golf would also be set up and the feature act would be the band Parker Barrow Project. Councilor Kirkland mentioned that four food trucks and one tent will be coming and there are more vendors interested.

Councilor Tanner made tentative announcements regarding Movies in the Park starting May 14th, happening periodically through August the 6th with a larger variety of movies.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Shane Black, City Attorney, City of Pinson, explained legalities surrounding beginning a Permitting and Inspections Department at the City of Pinson. Bob Jones, Zoning Coordinator, City of Pinson, addressed how having a Permitting and Inspections department would ensure safety and protection for our citizens. A lengthy discussion followed during which Attorney Black and Mr. Jones answered questions from the Council about code enforcement. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran mentioned trash collection and disposal service bid opening on April 7th with a special called meeting on April 8th to award the bid. Mayor Cochran mentioned the one-month extension on the current contract with current provider will not be extended, stating that an addendum has been added to the bid package indicating that if the previous vendors do not win, they will leave trash carts and the City will pay a of rental of approximately \$5,000 to rent the carts for an additional month on behalf of the citizens, with the winning vendor to pick up. Councilor Walker offered a motion authorizing the mayor to allocate approximately \$5,000 for trash can rental for one month. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passed unanimously'.**

Old Business: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion authorize the mayor to enter into a contract to re-key all city facilities in the amount of approximately \$11,000. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any 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.'**

New Business: Councilor Roberts offered motion to accept a quote for signage for City Hall designating Park and Recreation and Council Chambers from Jim Signs in the amount of \$2,017.00. Councilor Tanner 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 that passed unanimously'.**

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve \$5,800.00 to Harris Home Improvement for painting common rooms at the Rock School Center. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called 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 Roberts offered a motion to approve a quote for additional office furniture for the city clerk's office in the amount of \$899.25. 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 Walker offered a Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County for debris removal. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts explained that this was a continuation from past agreements in the case of disasters such as tornados. Mayor Cochran added that it provides a direct line to vendors and resources with some preaddressed pricing structures and is a good thing that the county does and makes available to local municipalities. Mayor Cochran called for any additional discussion. Seeing 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 as Resolution 21-9’**.

Councilor Roberts made a motion to contract with O Jay Fence for an amount of \$2247.00 for fence repairs 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’**.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding a Veterans Memorial Park near the entrance of Bicentennial Park. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones, Zoning Inspector, City of Pinson, to discuss issues regarding the flood plain. Mr. Jones fielded questions from the Council. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding Retirement Systems of Alabama possibility of providing Tier 1 benefits to Tier 2 plan members. Mayor Cochran explained the differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees. After a discussion, council decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Mayor Cochran asked for any further reports or announcements from the Council.

Councilor Tanner congratulated Lacy Johnson, a 2018 Pinson Valley Graduate, and Miss Pinson Valley 2018, who is now the reigning Miss Wallace State and wish her good luck in the Miss Alabama Competition in June.

Councilor Tanner congratulated Coach Hodge and the Pinson Valley Boys Track Team who won 1st Place at their first track meet in history and the Pinson Valley Girl’s Track Team for winning 2nd Place.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that Solid Rock Church is having an Easter event at Bicentennial Park on Saturday and that First Baptist Pinson had an event last Saturday with great success.

Allison Scanlan, Director of Pinson Public Library, gave library report. Ms. Scanlan also mentioned two library staff members that are receiving awards; Shawn Caddell will receive the Bethel Fight Endowed Scholarship at the University of Alabama and Allison Scanlan will receive the Intellectual Freedom Award from the Alabama Library Association.

Matt Nixon, Pinson Parks and Recreation Director, gave the Park and Recreation report.

Public Comment: Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion.

Attorney Black, 'I provide certification that the discussion relates to pending or threatening litigation or in litigation imminently likely if council takes a particular course of action'.

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 adjourn. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion.

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

Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 4-1-2021					
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$1,453.93	<u>Account Balances @ 2/26/2020:</u>		
	Rock School-	\$1,948.96	Regions General Fund	\$ 1,593,859.59	
	Community Center-	\$190.27	Regions MM Capital Fund	2,197.84	
	PHCC-	\$2,357.57	Regions Debt.Srv.Rock Sch.	9,340.51	
	Powell Ave.-	\$113.95	Hometown Library Fund	5,177.83	
	PYSC-	\$1,998.32	Hometown 4-6-5	28,172.23	
	Triangle-	\$59.44	Hometown 7-2	17,677.22	
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,312.10	Hometown Misc. Road	35,461.27	
	School Drive-	\$317.41	Hometown 10 cent tax	28,342.60	
	Bradford-	\$112.24	Hometown Saving Acct	577,964.56	
	Box Cam-	\$2,166.71			
AT&T-		\$1,509.48			
Best Insurance-		\$350.00			
Xerox-		\$70.69			
Center Point Fire District-		\$2,873.00			
Lights of Christmas-		\$1,309.81			
Stark-	City Hall-	\$108.00			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$150.00			
Jeff Cty EMA-		\$9,527.00			
Lockcorp-		\$285.00			
Precision Graphics-		\$1,646.00			
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-		\$3,049.06			
esri- Zoning		\$1,500.00			
Central Station- PHCC		\$210.00			
AT&T- Bicentennial-		\$85.45			
AT&T- Bicentennial- Internet		\$96.90			
BPA AL- PYSC		\$100.00			
USSA- PYSC		\$100.00			
Kellis- PYSC		\$5,660.57			
Southern Red Rock- PYSC		\$1,526.05			
Spartan Athletic- PYSC		\$1,291.46			
AT&T- Bradford		\$185.17			
Amazon- Library		\$3,579.92			
Midwest- Library		\$108.70			
Ingram- Library-		\$831.52			
Dell- Library		\$485.81			
T-Mobile- Library		\$606.90			
Wex- Public Works		\$1,270.01			
O'Reilly's- Public Works		\$440.59			
Scott Tire Outlet- Public Works		\$89.05			
Verizon- (Misc Rd)		\$634.13			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$620.47			
	Total:	\$53,331.64			