

Council Minutes
April 15, 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 15, 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 the April 1 and April 8th meetings. 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 unanimously’. Councilor Kirkland made a motion to accept the minutes from April 1 and April 8th 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 that passes unanimously we accept the minutes as written’.

Fire Reports:

Fire Chief Jason Howell, Fire Chief of the Palmerdale Fire Department, gave the fire district report.

Coach Sam Shade, head coach of PVHS football team, expressed appreciation for everything the council has done at Pinson Valley High School, especially during Covid. Coach Shade went on to say that the school now has Co-champions with track at Corner, with PVHS girls winning and boys losing by 2 points.

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

Department Head Reports: Eric Winfrey, director of Public Works, gave the Public Works report.

Matt Nixon, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave the Parks and Recreation report.

Committee Chair Comments:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$133, 593, 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 Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office was paid \$34,000, Best Insurance was paid \$33,994.50, \$15000 was for office furniture, and \$19,120 went to Reliable Signs to fix the electronic sign. 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.”

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 5521 Katnix Lane into the incorporated City Limits of Pinson. 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’.** 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 ordinance passed unanimously as Ordinance 2021-8’.**

Enhancements: Councilor Kirkland opened a discussion regarding CityFest, mentioning that food trucks will be present. Councilor Kirkland announced that City Fest will occur on May 8th from 10-2 at Pinson Bicentennial Park. Councilor Tanner went on to announce that Parks and Recreation will have activities for children and that there will be Spike Ball and Corn Hole available to play. Councilor Tanner also announced Amphitheater entertainment.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran gave comments about trash collection, mentioning a contract with Advanced Disposal who are owned by Waste Management, mentioning that he was confident better service will be happening with automated cans and automated mapping also mentioning that Amwaste now has a contract with the county.

Mayor Cochran went on to announce that the painting work at the Rock School Complex was done and that keying the city was nearly complete.

Mayor Cochran gave an update regarding software, stating that we are continuing to investigate software and it will be narrowed to the most useful and brought before the City Council.

Mayor Cochran announced that they are looking into possibly purchasing a street sweeper in order to upgrading services in the community. Councilor Tanner mentioned the need for more clean up around the city.

Mayor Cochran gave an update on vehicles, mentioning a 2500 diesel for Public Works and perhaps add 2 vehicles over the next several months, one for the mayor and possibly a skid steer.

Old Business: Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution to move all Tier 2 employees to Tier 1 in the Retirement Systems of Alabama program. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell asked about employee feedback on the issue. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts agreed that the employees seem to be in favor overall. Councilor Walker mentioned that this could provide incentive for employees. 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 passes unanimously as Resolution 21-14.’**

Councilor Walker offered a motion to allocate \$20,000 for pavilion furnishings at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Councilor Kirkland 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’.** Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief 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 passed unanimously’.**

New Business: Councilor Kirkland offered an ordinance authorizing the lease of certain property on Powell Avenue. 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’.** Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked questions about the rent rate and utilities and mentioned the need for adjustment before next renewal. Councilor Walker brought up the rate range in the area. Mayor Cochran said that he believed the lease should stand as is, with possible changes at the next renewal while keeping the tenant informed of the changes. Councilor Tanner mentioned that cities are legally limited in what they can charge. Councilor Churchwell agreed that the renter should pay the power and other bills eventually but that needs to be talked over with the tenants for the next renewal. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker-yes, Councilor Roberts – no, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes. Mayor Cochran, **‘let the record reflect that passed as Ordinance 2021-09’.**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve purchase of a lithium battery for a golf cart in the amount of \$3570.00. 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’.**

Mayor Cochran mentioned the need to approve paving and materials at Bicentennial Park shop but mentioned that the mayor and council had decided in precouncil to defer that discussion to the next meeting.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve a proposal from Building Specialty Company to replace doors at Palmerdale Homestead Community Center in the amount of \$2739 (sales tax included). 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 Kirkland offered a 1st reading of a resolution concerning the 2nd amendment fundamental rights and spoke to the issue. Councilor Tanner and Councilor Walker voiced their support for this. Councilor Churchwell asked for details about where this Resolution would be sent. Mayor Cochran explained that it is not to be specifically sent anywhere but is a statement about how our City feels about the right to bear arms, speaking to the historical and constitutional importance of the right to bear arms as a safeguard against government tyranny.

After further discussion, Councilor Churchwell offered a resolution concerning the 2nd Amendment Fundamental Rights. Councilor Kirkland 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’.** Mayor Cochran called for any further 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 unanimously as Resolution 21-15’.**

Councilor Roberts opened a discussion regarding zoning law.

Councilor Tanner announce Hazardous Waste Day Information with Gardendale the closest location and that more information could be found at JCDH.org.

Mayor Cochran mentioned a thank you note from the Bowden Family and acknowledged the passing of beloved Pinson resident Sue Bowden.

Public Comment: Grant Mitchell, 8368 North Valley Rd, Palmerdale, asked about garbage, recycling, and other issues with Waste Management. Mayor Cochran answered his questions and mentioned that a letter would be coming from Waste Management and information will posted on the City’s website and Facebook page.

Chief Coleman of the Center Point Fire District mentioned the national 911 telecommunications week.

Jason Howell of Palmerdale Fire Department spoke about fieldhouse and false alarms at 7:55-8:00.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 4-15-2021					
Regions-		\$9,903.18			
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-	\$244.24			
	Community Center-	\$50.21			
	Rock School-	\$214.59			
	Triangle Park-	\$27.66			
	Powell Ave.-	\$42.86			
	Bradford-	\$27.66			
	Bicentennial-	\$381.58			
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66			
	TCNP Pavillion-	\$127.31			
Start Exterminator-	City Hall-	\$15.00			
	Rock School-	\$90.00			
	PYSC-	\$54.00			
Trussville Utilites-	City Hall-	\$168.96			
	Rock School-	\$314.75			
	Community Center-	\$67.67			
	Bicentennial-	\$47.89			
	Powell Ave.-	\$45.25			
Reliable Sign Services-		\$19,120.00			
Charter-	City Hall-	\$339.04			
Pike's Plumbing-		\$250.00			
Greater Birmingham Humane		\$848.31			
VC3-		\$572.88			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-		\$34,000.00			
Best Insurance Group-		\$33,994.50			
Precision Graphics-		\$226.00			
Rosewood Office Furniture-		\$15,002.70			
Alabama Messenger-		\$37.50			
U.S. Postal Services-		\$122.00			
Darryl Dailey-		\$350.00			
Harris Home-	Rock School-	\$5,800.00			
A Plus Portable Restrooms-	Bradford-	\$230.00			
American Promo-	PYSC-	\$562.50			
Game Day Athletic-	PYSC-	\$14,700.00			
Athletic Field Supply-	PYSC-	\$199.80			
Metro Trailer-	PYSC-	\$20.00			
BSN Sports-	PYSC-	\$1,383.76			
Utilities Board of Oneonta-	PHCC-	\$9.76			
AT&T-	PHCC-	\$110.61			
Kyocera- Library		\$217.97			
Midwest Tape- Library		\$38.22			
Kanopy- Library		\$48.00			
Hoopla- Library		\$586.21			
Junior Library Guild- Library		\$42.00			
Dell- Library		\$16.70			
T-mobile-Library		\$654.50			
O'Reilly's- Public Works		\$106.27			
Argo Power Equipment- Public Works		\$955.25			
Scott's Tire Outlet- Public Works		\$64.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<u>\$1,228.32</u>			
	Total:	\$133,539.85			
Hometown Bank- \$ 5,246.19					

Account Balances @ 3/31/2020:

Regions General Fund	\$ 1,578,925.67
Regions MM Capital Fund	2,143.88
Regions Debt.Srv.Rock Sch.	9,313.57
Hometown Library Fund	5,101.34
Hometown 4-6-5	287,253.35
Hometown 7-2	15,766.15
Hometown Misc. Road	25,131.05
Hometown 10 cent tax	28,342.60
Hometown Saving Acct	578,504.80