

Council Minutes
May 6, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street, on Thursday, May 6, 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: Mayor Cochran stated that the Council had decided to hold over the minutes from April 15th and April 26 until the next meeting.

Fire Reports:

Captain Busby of the Center Point Fire Dept gave the Fire Department report. Mayor Cochran suspended rules.

Captain Chris Horn with the Center Point Fire district gave a report on Training Facility construction, along with a grant request in the amount of \$95,000. Captain Horn answered questions from Councilor Roberts about the phases of the project and payments from other municipalities and from Councilor Tanner about separate payments the city has already committed to make regarding the fire truck. Mayor Cochran gave some clarifications about the need for the facility and the benefits it would provide to the city as well as surrounding municipalities, mentioning that investments that the city has made into the Sheriff's Office have historically far surpassed investments in the Fire Departments and that his opinion was that the grant should be provided, but that the council as a whole had to decide and that he welcomed other opinions. After a further discussion, Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to accept the grant request in the amount of \$95,000. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. 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 – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$136,028.81, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion or highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner said that Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was paid \$34,000, \$17,859 to Lockcorp for rekeying of city buildings, replacing hardware, and to Craft Electric was paid \$26,960 for PSYC and Pinson

Elementary Softball Field replacing bulbs and rewiring. Mayor Cochran added that the softball field rewiring was necessary before anything further could be done. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked for clarification about the bill total and Councilor Tanner provided clarification. 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 unanimously."

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 6639 Country View Drive 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’.** Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion on the main ordinance. Seeing none, 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 that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-10’.**

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 6835 Bradshaw Ln 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 any comments or questions. Councilor Roberts noted that there is a road. Mayor Cochran called for any additional comments. Seeing none, 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 2021-11’.**

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 4286 Cedar Street into the incorporated City Limits of Pinson. 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 additional comments. Seeing none, 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 that passes as ordinance as Ordinance 2021-12’.**

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 5817 Stone Arbor Place & 5049 Summer Crest Drive into the incorporated City Limits of Pinson. 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. Councilor Roberts asked for clarification that this was actually involving two individuals. Mayor Cochran confirmed that was the case. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, 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 2021-13’.**

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner made announcements about CityFest this Saturday May 8 from 10-2 at Pinson Bicentennial Park, mentioning food trucks, open Splash Pad, spike ball, disc golf, children’s activities with Pinson Public Library and Parks and Rec, and entertainment from several groups. Councilor Kirkland added ‘come hungry’ because the food trucks will be great. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the City will be 17 years old.

Councilor Tanner spoke about movies in the park, which will be extended this year from May through August every other week starting May 14. Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve a contract with Swank for 7 movies six of which are 2021 releases in the amount of \$4795.00 for licensing. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts suggested doing more promotion on social media. Councilor Tanner stated that they could promote the movies on Facebook or anywhere else besides the electronic sign. 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 Tanner announced electronic collection day on May 15 at Center Point Courthouse.

Mayor Cochran opened a Public Hearing regarding a post annexation rezoning. No one was present to speak for or against. **Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing.** Councilor Roberts offered a motion regarding rezoning of 6268 Spraul Ave and 5541 Melissa Dr. 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 any additional comments. Seeing none, 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 that passes as Ordinance 2021-14’.**

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran reported that all city facilities have been rekeyed and several doors were repaired.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve the improvements to the Pinson Rock School in the amount of \$10,475 to Brighten Up Electrical for complex electrical work. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works, City of Pinson, spoke to the work to be done. Director Winfrey and Mayor Cochran both spoke to the need to invest in and improve that facility as a sought-after rental space. Mayor

Cochran reinstated rules. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Mayor Cochran spoke to the need for a street sweeper and skid steer and mentioned that they are looking at the budget for next year.

Mayor Cochran mentioned a potential liquidation of a City vehicle to Glenwood Fire Department and replacing it with a new city vehicle, further details to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Old Business: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve the yearly mower purchase in the amount of \$12,067.45. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked about the tires. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve paving and concrete at Bicentennial Shop area in the about of \$30,331.00 to Campbells' Paving. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect that passes unanimously'**.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding uniforms for public works. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules.** Eric Winfrey, Public Works Director, answered questions regarding to pricing for shirts and mats. **Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Walker offered a motion in the amount of \$5,000-7,000 for shirts and maintenance for Public Works employees and mats for city facilities.** Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

New Business: Councilor Tanner mentioned PVHS Championship Banners. After further discussion, Councilor Tanner agreed to do research on costs and details for more banners to be brought to the next meeting.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve a request of PVHS Volleyball netting in the amount of \$4887.50. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Councilor Walker offered a motion in the amount of \$1573.00 for Pinson Valley Youth Sports Complex to replace a door at football press box storage. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts spoke to the necessity of replacing the door. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to purchase new chairs for council chambers in the amount of \$3,000. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any

further discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve payment to Posten's Overhead Door for Lift Master operations at the cost of \$1300 at Bicentennial Park. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Councilor Walker mentioned that this would add to security as well as safety. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Mayor Cochran called for any further announcements or discussion from the council. Councilor Tanner announced May 14 Special Olympics will be held at PVHS. Councilor Tanner offered a motion to move the next meeting from 5/20 to 5/18. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Mayor Cochran called for public comment.

Public Comment: Deidra Ruff of 4055 Ruff Road announced she would be filming an independent movie in Pinson with a casting call in June.

Don T. Smith 8063 Brookwood Rd in Palmerdale asked questions and voiced concerns about the Palmerdale area, particularly about potholes on Miles Spring Road, the need for speed breakers on Brookwood Road, and overgrown grass on right of ways. Mayor Cochran answered his questions, said his concerns would be looked into, and explained that some roads are maintained by the city and some are maintained by the county. Councilors Kirkland, Councilor Roberts and Bob Jones also spoke to some of the issues.

Rocky Bay, Fire Chief of Glenwood Fire District, 2395 Glenwood gave a report for Glenwood Fire Department.

Allison Scanlan, Director of Pinson Public Library, gave the library report., announcing a fundraiser, expanded hours, curbside service, and a June 5 Summer Reading Program kickoff. Councilor Tanner mentioned that the Pinson Valley Youth 6U and 10U Baseball teams both placed first out of 44 teams in a tournament.

Matt Nixon, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave the Parks and Recreation report, giving further detail about the tournament winners and the 9 and 10U team and their victory in the diamond tournament.

Councilor Walker offered a motion enter into executive session to discuss litigation and real estate. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion.

Attorney Black 'I certify that it relates to pending litigation'.

Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Mayor Cochran called the council out of executive session.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution to enter into an agreement to resolve claims in a lawsuit. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Councilor Tanner read the resolution. Mayor Cochran called for any questions or comment. Seeing none, 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 additional comments. 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 that passed unanimously as Resolution 2021-16’.**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’.

Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry we are hereby adjourned’.

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 5-6-2021			
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$1,146.75	
	Rock School-	\$1,235.05	Account Balances @ 3/31/2020:
	Community Center-	\$123.29	Regions General Fund \$ 1,578,925.67
	PHCC-	\$392.83	Regions MM Capital Fund 2,143.88
	Powell Ave.-	\$106.49	Regions Debt.Srv.Rock Sch. 9,313.57
	PYSC-	\$1,699.98	Hometown Library Fund 5,101.34
	Triangle-	\$51.90	Hometown 4-6-5 287,253.35
	Bicentennial Park-	\$1,965.51	Hometown 7-2 15,766.15
	School Drive-	\$234.60	Hometown Misc. Road 25,131.05
	Bradford-	\$81.85	Hometown 10 cent tax 28,342.60
	Box Cam-	\$2,166.71	Hometown Saving Acct 578,504.80
Birmingham Water-	PYSC-	\$181.39	
	PHCC-	\$231.31	
Charter-	City Hall-	\$212.66	
AT&T-		\$1,806.74	
Best Insurance-		\$1,050.00	
Xerox-		\$77.74	
VC3-		\$7,057.06	
Steadpoint-		\$967.00	
Pike's Plumbing-	City Hall-	\$1,180.50	
Jim's Signs-		\$2,017.00	
Darryl Dailey		\$350.00	
NLC-		\$1,172.00	
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-		\$34,000.00	
Lockcorp-		\$17,859.60	
Chris Sharit- PVHS- 5/1		\$175.00	
Scott's Tire-	TCNP	\$755.64	
Central Communications-	Public Safety	\$225.00	
Insite Engineering-	TCNP	\$850.00	
Drain Right Guttering-	TCNP	\$1,110.00	
AT&T- Bicentennial-		\$85.61	
AT&T- Bicentennial- Internet		\$96.90	
BSN-	PYSC-	\$4,548.91	
Craft Electric	PYSC-	\$26,960.68	
O.Jay Fence-	PYSC-	\$2,247.00	
Umpires-	PYSC-	\$2,295.00	
Kellis-	PYSC-	\$1,608.00	
Hughes Printing-	PYSC-	\$1,102.65	
Metro Trailer-	PYSC-	\$20.00	
AT&T- Bradford		\$185.33	
AT&T-	PHCC-	\$111.45	
Amazon- Library		\$2,424.50	
Ingram- Library		\$1,992.07	
Hoopla- Library-		\$549.87	
Dell- Library		\$485.81	
Kanopy- Library		\$22.00	
OverDrive- Library		\$281.82	
JCLC- Library		\$2,663.37	
Wex- Public Works		\$1,667.86	
O'Reilly's- Public Works		\$230.38	
Argo Power Equipment- Public Works		\$2,276.79	
Verizon- (Misc Rd)		\$634.37	
Sweeping Corp of America- (Misc Rd)		\$2,438.00	
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<u>\$443.01</u>	
	Total:	\$135,854.98	
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale- To be Paid 5/20/2021- \$ 3,831.50			