

Council Minutes
May 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street, on Tuesday, May 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 Walker offered a motion to wave the reading of the minutes from April 15, 2021, April 26, 2021, and May 6, 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 unanimously”. Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to accept the minutes from April 15, 2021, April 26, 2021, and May 6, 2021 as written. 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 unanimously."

Fire Reports: No one was available for a fire district report.

Department Head Reports: Matt Nixon, director of Pinson Parks and Recreation, gave the Park and Recreation report, detailing the youth sports to come and the opening of the Splash Pad. Councilor Roberts asked about Director Nixon’s full staff and asked if there were any issues with recruiting. Director Nixon said that he did not have any recruiting issues and that this was probably the best staff he has ever had.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$82,370.79, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow the city clerk to provide details about the USAA bill. Mayor Cochran reinstate rules. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion or highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner mentioned that \$10,574.95 went to Turkey Creek Nature Preserve and that Trash receptacles were \$1569. 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 unanimously."

Mayor Cochran suspended rules to ask Lacy Johnson, former Miss PVHS and current Miss Wallace State to speak. Miss Johnson spoke about representing Wallace State and Pinson in the Miss Alabama in June. Councilor Tanner encouraged her to mention her platform. Miss Johnson spoke about her social impact platform, which was Royal Family for the Kids, a church camp that brings in 64 children who are in the foster care system and tells them about the love of God, tells them they are never alone, and does their best to make a difference in their lives. Councilor Roberts shared that he had met a young lady who knew Miss Johnson only by name but that her representing Pinson at Miss Alabama still meant a lot to her as a role model and mentioned that he was very proud of her and her reputation among her peers. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that Miss Johnson spent nearly all day at CityFest and he appreciated her investing her time. Mayor Cochran mentioned that he has known Lacey for several years and that he could not think of a finer young lady to represent our community. Miss Johnson thanked the mayor. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Annexation: Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 5742 Henry Black Drive 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 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 as Ordinance 2021-15’.

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 6904 Highway 75 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 comments or questions. 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 2021-16’.

Enhancements: Councilor Kirkland spoke about CityFest last weekend, mentioning that she hoped everyone attended it because it was fabulous, the food was delicious, the children had a great time at the Splash Pad, the music was great, and everyone enjoyed being outside with their family and friends, going on to mention that it will be held again next year. Councilor Tanner added that Public Works did a good job in directing everyone and that the Library and Parks and Recreation stayed busy all the time doing things with the kids. Mayor Cochran mentioned Parker Barrows were amazing and that they will probably be back in August, and they should go check the band out. Councilor Tanner mentioned that PVHS Jazz band were excited to be there and did well really the Hog Wild Cloggers and Beverly Dance Studio also did an awesome job.

Park and Recreation Director Nixon reported on Movies in the Park mentioning that it was a good steady crowd and an 8 pm start and announced that the May 28 movie would be Tom & Jerry. Councilor Tanner mentioned and that Church 180 would be providing free hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and drinks. Mayor Cochran mentioned that Movies in the Park are a little different this year, happening every other week. Mayor Cochran said that Aug 6th was the last movie scheduled it would be a back-to-school bash and would be Black Panther, mentioning that the City of Clay would be having movies on the alternating week from us.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cochran reported that the Alabama League of Municipalities conference was a success, asking the council to speak about it. Each of the Council members spoke about how informative and applicable the information provided by the conference was, mentioning the speakers and the host city of Huntsville.

Mayor Cochran reported on inventory and the use of city vehicles, mentioning the vehicle the city would like to sell to Glenwood Fire District for \$1. Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about authorizing the mayor to purchase an Admin/Mayor vehicle and an Admin/staff vehicle. After a lengthy discussion establishing the necessity and the feasibility of the purchase, Councilor Roberts offered a motion to purchase 2 Vehicles, one a four-wheeled drive with extra package and the other 2 wheeled drive base LT. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that the 2 wheeled drive was \$44,074.80 and the 4 wheeled drive was \$50,543.70. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously'**.

Old Business: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning a surplus property, a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that Glenwood is a small fire department that covers a lot of miles – 49 square miles. Mayor Cochran added that some of that is within the City Limits of Pinson. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that while he was not against doing this, now it made more sense since we have agreed to purchase new vehicles, making this one obsolete.

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Mayor Cochran called for any comments or questions. 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 Resolution 21-17’.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about an Employee Credential and Equipment Policy. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Bob Jones, Director of Public Safety, spoke to the issue mentioning that this was a good way to track equipment and keep it updated. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that this was more responsible way to handle things. Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adopt an Employee Credential and Equipment Policy. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any 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.’**

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about the Pinson Parks and Recreation Background Screening Policy. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Bob Jones, Director of Public Safety, spoke to the changes. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve the Pinson Parks and Recreation Background Screening Policy. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked if it had been run through legal and Mayor Cochran answered yes. 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.’**

Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding an alcohol policy for city facilities. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran asked the city clerk to collect information about the alcohol policies of other municipalities.

Mayor Cochran asked for any further comments or discussion from the council.

Councilor Tanner expressed Chief Howell’s apologies that he did not give the fire district report, stating that he did not realize the meeting date had changed. Mayor Cochran mentioned that the date was changed due to PVHS (defending 6A State Champions) Football’s Spring Game Thursday in Gadsden City and the involvement that several members of the council have in coordinating the logistics for the game.

Mayor Cochran mentioned again that we are so very proud of Lacey Johnson.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all to say 'aye' all opposed to say 'no'.

Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect we are adjourned'.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 5-18-2021						
Regions-		\$8,673.34		Account Balances @ 4/30/2021:		
Birmingham Water Works-	Rock School-	\$214.59		Regions General Fund	\$ 1,573,351.80	
	Triangle Park-	\$27.66		Regions MM Capital Fund	77,135.21	
	Community Center-	\$66.19		Regions Debt.Srv.Rock Sch.	9,286.79	
	Bradford Park-	\$27.66		Hometown Library Fund	5,059.34	
	PHCC-	\$425.18		Hometown 4-6-5	292,265.54	
	Bicentennial Park-	\$429.52		Hometown 7-2	19,832.53	
	PYSC-	\$404.38		Hometown Misc. Road	25,131.05	
	Powell Ave.-	\$42.86		Hometown 10 cent tax	28,364.71	
	Innsbrooke-	\$27.66		Hometown Saving Acct	578,647.44	
	TNCP-	\$160.59				
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$167.98				
	Rock School-	\$225.06				
	Community Center-	\$50.36				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$22.80				
	Powell Ave.-	\$34.68				
Start Exterminator-	City Hall-	\$15.00				
	Rock School-	\$60.00				
	Powell Ave.-	\$100.00				
	PYSC-	\$54.00				
Charter-	City Hall-	\$360.04				
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-		\$3,831.50				
Greater Birmingham Humane		\$1,066.40				
VC3-		\$2,923.98				
Rosewood Office Furniture-		\$3,092.75				
Golf Carts Unlimited-	Bicentennial Park-	\$3,655.00				
	PVHS	\$1,320.85				
Ed's Lock & Key-	City Hall-	\$240.00				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$240.00				
	Library-	\$273.00				
Insite Engineering-	TCNP-	\$437.50				
Southern Environmental Center- TCNP		\$10,574.94				
A Plus Portable Restrooms-	PYSC-	\$230.00				
USSA-	PYSC-	\$1,350.00				
BSN Sports-	PYSC-	\$3,100.37				
Kellis-	PYSC-	\$3,091.00				
Umpires-	PYSC-	\$855.00				
thepark-	PYSC-	\$15,607.45				
Utilities Board of Oneonta-		\$8.56				
Prestige Monitoring- Library		\$270.00				
Argo Power Equipment-	Public Works	\$14,718.06				
Verizon Connect- Public Works		\$152.00				
Scott's Tire Outlet- Public Works		\$178.10				
Sweeping Corp of America- (Misc Rd)		\$2,438.00				
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<u>\$1,126.78</u>				
	Total:	\$82,370.79				
Hometown Bank- \$ 1,486.28						