

Council Minutes
June 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session in Council Chambers at 4410 Main Street, on Thursday, June 3, 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
Mayor Cochran

Absent: Councilor Kirkland

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to wave the reading of the minutes from May 18, 2021. Councilor Churchwell 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 May 18, 2021, as written. 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."

Allison Scanlan, library director, Pinson Public Library, presented the Library Board Champion award to Kristina Allred and announced that she would be a summer assistant part time. Director Scanlan also gave information about the Teen Library Advisory Board. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts added their congratulations and spoke to the opportunities presented by the Pinson Public Library.

Fire Reports: Chief Coleman, Fire Chief, Center Point Fire District, gave the fire Department report. Captain Paul Henderson also spoke regarding a benefit golf tournament that is coming up.

Department Head Reports: Allison Scanlan, Pinson Public Library Director gave the library report, announcing summer hours for the library starting June the First, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 6 P.M and Sat 10AM-2pm, also offering curbside service, and announced the Saturday Kickoff of the Summer Reading Program and nine events throughout the summer as well as virtual events.

Matt Nixon, director of Pinson Parks and Recreation, gave the Parks and Recreation Report, announcing open sports registration, mentioning cornhole tournament, spike ball kickball, volleyball, and disc golf tournaments.

Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works, gave the Public Works report, mentioning staffing and repairs Public Works have made around the city.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$130,575.42, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion or highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner mentioned that \$34,000 was paid to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and \$64,000 was paid to Regions General Obligation. 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 offered a First Reading of the 2021/2022 budget, giving an overview of the budget as a whole. Councilor Roberts mentioned that it was highly detailed and that he appreciated all the effort that went into it, mentioning that it would take some time to get a full grasp of everything. Councilor Tanner agreed that it was very detailed and suggested scheduling some work sessions. Mayor Cochran called a budget meeting on Tuesday, June 15th at 4 PM.

Annexation: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing the mayor to file for a referendum annexation in probate court of Jefferson County in regard to Deerfoot Point subdivision. Councilor Churchwell 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, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.'** After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, answered questions from the council regarding the vote to take place on June 26. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion on the main resolution. 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, Mayor Cochran – yes.

Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 21-18'.

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner announced Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, suggesting either Tuesday Nov 30 or Fri Dec 7th. The mayor and council agreed to set the date at the next meeting. Councilor Tanner mentioned showing a Christmas movie and listened to suggestions about the movie as a separate event and suggesting a grand marshal for the Christmas parade.

Councilor Tanner spoke about Movies in the Park, mentioning that it went very well with good attendance, thanking 180 Church for providing food, hotdogs, drinks, and chips and Park and Rec for setting up and taking down and being a joy to work with. Councilor Tanner announced that the next movie will be June 11 and it will be Cats and Dogs 3: Paws Unite. Palmerdale United Methodist Church serving food and drinks that night, and the Splash Pad will be opened later that night.

Planning and Zoning: Mayor Cochran opened the public hearing regarding post annexation rezoning of 5049 Summer Crest Drive and 5420 Saddle Ridge Lane. There was no one present to speak for or against. Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing. Councilor Roberts offered an ordinance changing the zoning classification of 5049 Summer Crest Drive and 5420 Saddle Ridge Lane from Jefferson County R to City of Pinson RM. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any additional discussion. 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, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.** Mayor Cochran called for any additional comment. 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, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance 2021-17.**

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran reported Emergency HVAC repair at Pinson Youth Sports Complex in the amount of \$6,600.00. Mayor Cochran reported on new city vehicles (Tahoe’s) purchased through the State Board Process. Mayor Cochran went on to mention that the city had liquidated an older Tahoe to Glenwood Fire Department.

Councilor Tanner spoke to the Keep Pinson Beautiful Project, mentioning Public Works working to keep the streets clean and talking about adding signage Keep Pinson Beautiful, and possibly getting a beautification committee together and giving a beautification award. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts spoke about taking pride in our community by taking care of yards and streets.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding liquidating a tractor via GovDeals. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works, spoke to the impracticality of the current tractor, mentioning that it has been used for less than 200 hours in four years. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts made comments and asked questions. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Old Business: Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the alcohol policy at city facilities, discussing other city’s policies. Councilor Tanner stated that she was not opposed to it, but it depends on which buildings we are discussing. Councilor Roberts voiced concerns about competing with wedding venues in the city. Councilor Walker mentioning scheduling may be booked so not really competitive. Mayor Cochran said they would continue to gather information and discuss at later council meetings.

Mayor Cochran mentioned pictures of possible signage at the Bicentennial Park Entrance, a potential Veterans Memorial, and signage for the Rock School Center.

New Business: Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution appointing Library Board member Lisa Campbell to a term that will expire March 31, 2025. 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, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.’** Mayor Cochran called for any additional conversation. Mayor Cochran spoke

briefly about the importance of the Board to the library and the community and voiced his appreciation to Lisa for volunteering. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say 'aye' and all opposed to say 'no'.

Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 21-19'.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion allowing the purchase an 11-inch iPad Pro from Verizon for \$899.99 plus \$97.49 for the pen to be used by the Public Works Director. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Councilor Roberts and Councilor Tanner mentioned getting a durable case as well. 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 Walker offered a motion to approve repair of HVAC systems at the foyer and lower classrooms of the Rock School Complex totaling \$20,200. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran spoke to the need for upgrades and additions to the system. 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 approve the allocation of funds to the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve the balance of \$9425.06. Councilor Walker 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 called for any further discussion from the dais. Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, offered clarification about regarding people eligible to vote in the referendum.

Councilor Tanner mentioned an invitational golf tournament hosted by the Pinson Valley Football Boosters benefiting Pinson Valley High School Football on June 21 at Cumberland Country Club.

Public Comment:

Jim Reams of 5234 Midwood Rd spoke about garbage problems with AMWaste and Waste Management (Advanced Disposal) as well as a large hole in the road on Miles Springs Rd. Mayor Cochran explained that there was a temporary patch in the road that should be fixed later and asked Bob Jones to call about it the next day.

Wanda Smith of Fairfax Lane expressed concern about the increase in cost from Advanced Disposal and asked about the new contract, a property on Tyler Loop where trash is routinely dumped, and the need for signage at Bicentennial Park regulating bike riding on walking track.

Deidra Ruff of 4055 Ruff Rd and talked about fundraising for her upcoming movie, Frienemy for Life.

Donald T. Smith 8060 Brookwood Rd, Palmerdale, expressed concerns about a pothole on Miles Springs Rd and offered a letter asking to be de-annexed from the City of Pinson. Mayor Cochran said that he would not take the letter here, but that Mr. Smith was welcome to drop it off at City Hall.

Annabelle Cooper, 4420 Oak Lane Circle, representing a group of neighbors on Oak Lane Circle about litter and debris, offering to help with the solution in any way that she could, encouraging the mayor and council to take the ordinances seriously and follow up on issues on Oak Street and surrounding streets as well as expressing her unhappiness about the garbage rate increase.

Councilor Walker 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

