

Council Minutes  
July 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, July 1, 2021. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Cochran appointed Leah Wiginton as Acting City Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Leah Wiginton, Acting 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 and accept the minutes from June 17, 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."**

**Fire Reports:** Due to an emergency, Center Point Fire District was unavailable to give a report.

**Department Head Reports:** Eric Winfrey, Director of Pinson Public Works, gave a Public Works report, giving updates on work around the city, pothole patrol, right-of-way maintenance, and work at city buildings including wiring at the Rock School Municipal Complex and the Pinson Community Center.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to liquidate a Public Works tractor via Gov deals. 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’. Mayor Cochran asked Attorney Black to speak to the matter.

Councilor Tanner gave a Park and Rec update on behalf of Molly Brewer, City of Pinson Athletic Director, announcing kickball tournaments for youth and adults and gearing up for Pinson Youth Sports Football in the fall.

Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, gave a report regarding code enforcement and recent city cleanup of junk properties. Shane Black, City Attorney, also spoke to those issues, explaining the process involved.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,231.26, 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 mentioned that \$10,475 was paid to Brighten-Up Electrical for their wiring work at the Rock School. 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."**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Tanner spoke about the success of Movies in the Park, mentioning that about 180 people attended last Friday and thanking Palmerdale Cross for serving fee snow cones, and that The War with Grandpa will be the next movie on 7/9 and that Encounter Church will be serving.

**Annexations:** Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing property at 5361 Bridle Path Ln into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. 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 Churchwell mentioned that the gentleman whose property was being annexed was at the meeting two weeks ago and he was here tonight. 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 as Ordinance number 2021-18".**

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing property at 7124 Arnold 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 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 that passes as Ordinance number 2021-19".**

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Cochran reported that he had lunch with the sheriff and had a good conversation in which they had discussed legal issues in and around the community, stating that he found the Sheriff receptive and cordial.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about Main Street Days, a request by the owners of Patty's on Main Street, during which Main Street would be blocked off and opened for vendors one

Saturday per month, possibly beginning in October, provided the council and the business owners on Main Street agreed. After a discussion during which individual council members expressed their approval, the mayor said they would move forward and continue discussions, asking Eric to look into getting appropriate signage for road closures.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion granting the mayor permission to remove a portion of fence and create a gravel parking lot on a city owned property near Main Street for public use. 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 gave a public service announcement asking people to be careful and courteous with their fireworks use over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Councilor Roberts asked especially that people in subdivisions be mindful of being noisy late at night when their close neighbors are likely sleeping.

**Old Business:** Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the alcohol policy at city facilities. Shane Black, City Attorney, gave options about the alcohol policy. Mayor Cochran asked Attorney Black to provide examples of the policies of other municipalities and Attorney Black agreed to do so. Councilor Roberts suggested some sort of polling and inviting citizens living near the Pinson Community Center to come to the Public Comment section of a Council meeting. Councilor Tanner suggested a town hall meeting for all citizens to discuss it, but especially those who might be affected. Mayor Cochran indicated that a special called meeting was probably not necessary, but public comment at the end of a regular council meeting would be welcome as always. The mayor and council agreed to more discussions in future meetings.

Mayor Cochran gave an update on Bicentennial sign quote saying that the latest quote is \$63,631. Attorney Black mentioned that the price was high and must be bid. Councilor Roberts asked questions about the safety and size of the sign and compliance with the sign ordinance. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, to speak to the issue. After some discussion, Mayor Cochran reinstated rules and asked for further investigation into the sign dimensions and the current sign ordinance.

Mayor Cochran offered a First Reading of a software quote from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$74,710, not including recurring fees of \$29,782. After some discussion, during which the mayor detailed some of the collaborative and consolidating benefits of the software and answered questions from the council, Mayor Cochran encouraged the council to look over the quote and the software website and discuss it further in the next meeting.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Jason Howell, Fire Chief, Palmerdale Fire Station, gave information about a tragic fire death in the area. Chief Howell spoke about a need for another ambulance for Palmerdale Fire District and asked for the council's help in financing for the ambulance.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Roberts offered a motion for an additional annual \$25,000 to be paid to Palmerdale Fire District for the next six years for the purchase of an ambulance. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. 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 that passes unanimously"**.

**New Business:** Mayor Cochran offered a First Reading regarding the adoption of a Pinson Building Code. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones and Attorney Black to answer questions and give some details about the format and content of the documents and the process involved in adopting it. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding purchasing a BoxCast system for the purpose of broadcasting city events such as the council meeting to multiple streaming platforms.

Councilor Tanner opened a discussion about possibly moving a council meeting to the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Pavilion in October.

Councilor Tanner mentioned that Encounter Church will be serving snow cones in color changing cups at the next Movies in the Park. Mayor Cochran encouraged a bigger crowd for next week.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran wished everyone a wonderful and safe Independence Day, celebrating our freedom and sacrifices so many have made so that we can have the freedom that we have.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adjourn. 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 the 'ayes' carry; we are adjourned'.

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Wiginton, Acting City Clerk

<b>Bills: 7-1-2021</b>						
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$1,888.54				
	Rock School-	<b>\$194.21</b>				
	Community Center-	\$252.20				
	PHCC-	\$661.29				
	Powell Ave.-	\$188.20				
	PYSC-	<b>\$1,965.29</b>				
	Triangle-	\$57.41				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,479.48				
	School Drive-	\$304.19				
	Bradford-	\$113.21				
	Box Cam-	\$2,166.71				
Birmingham Water-	TCNP-	\$189.71				
Jefferson Cty EMA-		\$1,320.00				
Lockcorp-		\$204.00				
AT&T-		\$1,730.37				
VC3-		\$117.64				
Darryl Dailey-		\$350.00				
Chris Sharit- Park 6/26		\$192.50				
John Leon- TNCP 6/20, 6/19, 6/27		<b>\$647.50</b>				
Jeff Hall- Park 6/19		\$140.00				
Joardan Reid- Park 6/20		\$192.50				
<b>James Reed- Park 6/26</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>				
<b>Keith Smith- TCNP- 6/27, 6/26</b>		<b>\$420.00</b>				
<b>Brighten- up Electrical-</b>	<b>Rock School-</b>	<b>\$10,475.00</b>				
Apex-	Powell Ave.-	\$535.00				
AT&T- Bicentennial-		\$85.77				
AT&T- Bicentennial- Internet		\$96.90				
American Promo-	Bicentennial Park-	\$801.25				
Sports Imports-	Bicentennial Park-	\$3,001.75				
AT&T- Bradford	Bradford-	\$204.90				
Kellis-	PYSC-	\$983.00				
A Plus Portable Restrooms-	PYSC-	\$230.00				
<b>Kristina Allred- Library- State Aid</b>		<b>\$266.76</b>				
<b>Noelia Ambriz- Library- State Aid</b>		<b>\$296.40</b>				
Amazon- Library		\$2,062.69				
Midwest Tape- Library-		\$37.48				
Dell- Library		\$682.55				
Kyocera- Library		\$159.05				
Argo Power Equipment- Public Works		\$1,172.55				
Verizon- (Misc Rd)		\$1,732.22				
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$493.04				
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$39,231.26</b>				
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale- To be Paid 7/15/2021- \$ 5839.00						