

Council Minutes  
July 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, July 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 Roberts  
Councilor Churchwell  
Councilor Kirkland  
Mayor Cochran

Absent: Councilor Walker

**Minutes:** Councilor Roberts offered a motion to wave the reading of and approve the minutes from July 1, 2021. 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."**

**Fire Reports:** Richard Archer of the Palmerdale Fire District gave the Palmerdale Fire Department Report.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$87,505.65, 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 \$34,000 was paid to the Sheriff’s Department and \$10,100.00 was paid to Apex for work at the Rock School. Mayor Cochran called for any further 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 unanimously."**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Tanner spoke about the success of Movies in the Park, mentioning that there was a terrible storm that day and there were 75 to 100 people in attendance last Friday and announcing that Raya and The Last Dragon will be the next movie on 7/23 and food would be provided by 180 Church. Councilor Tanner went on to say that the last movie, the Back-to-School Bash, will be August 6 with Black Panther, inviting everyone to the park.

Councilor Tanner spoke about city-sponsored National Night Out, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bicentennial Park for citizens, Center Point and Palmerdale Fire Departments, and Deputies, stating that this is a way for the community to meet these workers.

**Annexations:** Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing property at 8391 HWY 75 and 8478 North Valley Road 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 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. Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance number 2021-20"**.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Cochran reported that first deposit of American Rescue Plan funds has been deposited in the city account in the amount of \$843,774.10, those monies are to be segregated into their own bank account at Hometown Bank, making it easier to track our spending.

Mayor Cochran went on to explain that one-time payment for employees as provided for the American Rescue Plan, mentioning that some employees who worked through the pandemic period are eligible for one-time payment, and going on to say that he asked department heads submit lists of those eligible. Mayor Cochran mentioned that he would be working out this concept and bring it before the council for guidance.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Eric Winfrey, Director of Pinson Public Works, gave a report on the APWA conference report (public works convention), stating that it was very informative. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran announced a Master Plan meeting for Planning and Zoning July 27 at 6:00 PM.

**Old Business:** Councilor Kirkland opened a discussion regarding Welcome to Pinson Signs signage for Pinson City limits as well as keep separate Keep Pinson Beautiful signs. Mayor Cochran sought and received permission to look for sign designs to bring before the council.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding an alcohol policy at city facilities. Councilor Roberts suggested sending notices inviting those in the Community Center area to attend the August meeting. Mayor Cochran asked Bob Jones, zoning administrator, to notify those affected.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to accept a software quote from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$74,710 and \$29,782 a year. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran and Marie Turner, City Clerk, answered questions about time clocks, payroll, and personnel management suite portals from Councilor Kirkland and Councilor Roberts. 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 Roberts offered a motion to approve \$12,000 to purchase a Boxcast system and other equipment including the annual Boxcast fee. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. 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'.

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution for public hearing for August 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the adoption of the Pinson Building Code. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner-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 additional comments or questions. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote on the main resolution with the following results: Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 21-20"**.

**New Business:** Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of a resolution authorizing the issuance of invitation to bid for a monument sign at Bicentennial Park and approving specifications for the same.

Mayor Cochran mentioned a request that the city of Pinson purchase mats and paint for the cheerleaders at Rudd Middle School, stating that the items in question were lost or stolen under the care of the Jefferson County Board of Education. The Mayor and Council agreed that while the city often helps our local schools, the Board of Education should be responsible for replacing those items.

Mayor Cochran mentioned an alternative fuel infrastructure 80/20 funding assistance program to provide grant/electric vehicle supply equipment infrastructure and installation and council gave permission to move forward with the grant application.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to re-wrap for Pinson Valley Football trailer in the amount of \$1,700.00. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results Councilor Tanner-abstain, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran 'let the record reflect the ayes pass'.

Mayor Cochran announced The Center Point Fire Department Golf Tournament benefiting Children's Hospital, Breast Cancer Research, and other charities on 7/26 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Grayson Valley Country Club.

Councilor Kirkland opened a discussion about placing 2 porta potties for Main Street Trade Days beginning on November 6, which met with the council's approval.

Councilor Tanner mentioned a job fair expo, hosted at City Hall or the Rock School, possibly in September or October, to promote employment in the community.

Mayor Cochran announced that Box Nix is having his 1rst quarterback camp here in Pinson on Wednesday July 28.

Councilor Tanner made a motion to move the first meeting in August to August 5<sup>th</sup>, to Palmerdale Homestead Community Center 2PM. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Council Kirkland asked about the time for Pre-council. Mayor Cochran said that Pre-council would be at 1:15. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran let the record reflect that passes unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran asked for motion to adjourn.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to adjourn. 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; we are hereby adjourned'.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

<b>Bills: 7-15-2021</b>					
Regions-		\$12,166.88		<b>Account Balances @ 06/30/2021:</b>	
Start Exterminator-	City Hall-	\$15.00		Regions General Fund	\$ 2,245,673.50
	Rock School-	\$90.00		Regions MM Capital Fund	77,081.56
	PYSC-	\$63.00		Hometown Library Fund	5,870.65
Charter-	City Hall-	\$212.88		Hometown 4-6-5	291,812.23
	Rock School-	\$360.04		Hometown 7-2	16,706.25
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-		\$5,839.00		Hometown Misc. Road	14,931.97
Greater Birmingham Humane		\$758.81		Hometown 10 cent tax	28,342.60
VC3-		\$690.52		Hometown Saving Acct	578,937.59
Xerox-		\$348.73			
Alabama Power-	Rock School-	\$2,048.05			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office-		\$34,000.00			
Jefferson County Commission-		\$11.26			
<b>David Stewart-</b>		<b>\$3,152.50</b>			
<b>Center Point Fire District- Fire Inspector</b>		<b>\$2,873.00</b>			
Keith Smith-TCNP 7/11		\$210.00			
Chris Sharit- Park- 7/10		\$262.50			
<b>Jordan Reid- TCNP 7/3</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>			
<b>Jeff Hall- Park 7/11</b>		<b>\$210.00</b>			
John Leon- Park 7/10, 7/3; TCNP 7/10		<b>\$612.50</b>			
Knox-	Community Center-	\$459.00			
Pat Wise- Bicentennial	TCNP- Pavilion	\$8.78			
Coca-Cola Botttling Co.-	Bicentennial Park-	\$470.76			
Uline-	Bicentennial Park-	\$4,358.96			
Apex-	Rock School-	\$10,100.00			
Prestige Alarm-	Rock School-	\$347.00			
FedEx-	Bicentennial Park-	\$70.30			
American Promo-	PYSC-	\$562.50			
Metro Trailer-	PYSC-	\$20.00			
A Plus Portable Restroom-	PYSC-	\$230.00			
AT&T-	PHCC-	\$111.05			
Utilities Board of Oneonta-	PHCC-	\$8.56			
TCNP-	Library	\$200.00			
Ingram-	Library	\$1,270.47			
Kanopy-	Library	\$25.00			
Hoopla-	Library	\$1,094.13			
Midwest Tape-	Library	\$38.17			
Demco-	Library	\$223.48			
Noelia Ambriz- St. Aid	Library	\$282.72			
Kristina Allred- St. Aid	Library	\$243.96			
T-Mobile	Library	\$595.00			
Argo Power Equipment-	Public Works	\$999.73			
O'Reilly-	Public Works	\$330.63			
Verizon Connect-	Public Works	\$152.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		<u>\$1,238.78</u>			
	Total:	<b>\$87,505.65</b>			