

Council Minutes
August 5, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center at 5320 Miles Springs Road, on Thursday, August 5, 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 and approve the minutes from July 15, 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."**

PVHS: Principal Michael Turner of Pinson Valley High School gave a report on school starting.

Fire Reports: Jason Howell, Fire Chief, Palmerdale Fire Department, gave a Fire Department report, stating that the board approved the purchase of an ambulance.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$134,387.04, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion or highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner mentioned that electrical work at the Rock School \$26,024 went to Brighton \$34,000 was paid to the Sheriff’s Deputies, paving at Bicentennial Park for \$21,300, and \$12,175.00 to Raindrop for our new SplashPad feature. 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 the last movie had had about 200 people and there will be seven movies this summer, also announcing tomorrow’s Back to School Bash would feature the Black Panther movie, inviting everyone to the park, mentioning that the City would be providing hot dogs, chips, and drinks and Palmerdale United Methodist Church would be handing out school supplies.

Councilor Tanner, Councilor Kirkland, and the mayor spoke about city-sponsored National Night Out which happened last Tuesday on August 3rd at Bicentennial Park. The councilors and

mayor mentioned that it was an opportunity for citizens to meet Center Point and Palmerdale Fire Fighters as well as Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Deputies.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cochran reported that FEMA should reimburse the city for the Safe Room/Storm Shelter location signage. Mayor Cochran also reported on the installation of light bars on the new Tahoe's, an action that was preapproved by the council in the amount of \$2,000.

Old Business: Councilor Walker gave an update regarding pricing of internet for city facilities, stating that he thought a hybrid option would be the best option and that he would provide more information at the next meeting for comparison. Council Mayor Cochran added that Wi-Fi would be good for public access as well as the operations of municipal government.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution authorizing the issuance of an invitation to bid for a monument sign at Bicentennial Park. Councilor Roberts discussed his desire for a more comprehensive plan for the area and more options about the sign prior to putting it out for bid. Councilor Kirkland stated that for safety purposes she would prefer to explore other non-digital options. The motion was withdrawn until a later meeting.

New Business: Councilor Roberts offered an Ordinance regarding a 20-year franchise agreement with Spire. 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 called for any questions or discussion. Shane Black, City Attorney, city of Pinson, spoke to the franchise. **Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote** with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – abstain, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes with one abstention as Ordinance 2021-21.'**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve the Pinson Valley High School principal grant in the amount of \$40,000. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilors Roberts, Churchwell, Kirkland, and Walker all voiced their gratitude and support for Mr. Turner and the excellent job he does at PVHS. Mayor Cochran voiced his appreciation for heart he has for the community and the kids. 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 the purchase of a 3 11-inch iPad pros Wi-Fi cellular 128gh with pencil. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran clarified that this would be paid for with funding from the American Rescue Plan and called for any further discussion. Councilor Churchwell clarified that the cost was \$2700 for 3 iPads. Seeing no further 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.'**

Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve a request from Pinson Valley High School from discretionary funds for the band for drums in the amount of \$9,903.00. Councilor Roberts duly

seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Walker mentioned that as the bands grows it warranted the request. Mayor Cochran explained discretionary funds. Councilor Roberts referenced the detail provided in the letter. 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 Roberts offered a motion to approve a flood plan remediation study in the amount of \$45,000. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After some discussion, during which the mayor and council spoke about the need for the study and the reasons for hiring the engineer, 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 Kirkland offered a motion to repair and replacement of overhead doors at the PHCC (used for storage by the Palmerdale Fire Department) in the amount of \$791.00. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing no 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'.**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to purchase a 75-inch television from Sam's in the amount of \$1,349.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief discussion about the size of the television, 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 offered a motion ARF access control in the amount of \$44,119. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After some 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'.**

Councilor Roberts offered a resolution concerning granting funds to Palmerdale Fire District in the amount of \$50,000.00 through the American Rescue Plan Funding. Councilor Kirkland 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. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance 2021-22.'**

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning premium pay to city employees. As there was no second, Mayor Cochran said it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Roberts opened a discussion regarding a leaf debris vacuum. Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Eric Winfrey, director of Public Works, spoke to the need for the leaf debris vacuum in terms of clearing the streets, increasing safety, and reducing flooding by helping keep the culverts clear. Director Winfrey answered questions from the council regarding the vacuum. Councilor Roberts offered a resolution removing sub section A allowing for the purchase of a

leaf vacuum. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. 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 Resolution 21-24.**

Mayor Cochran mentioned a resolution regarding an ambulance for the Palmerdale Fire Department to be held until the next meeting.

Mayor Cochran explained current icemaker situation. Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works, and Matt Nixon, Director of Pinson Parks and Recreation, both spoke about the need for ice makers. Councilor Kirkland was excused at 3:16 and returned at 3:19. After a discussion, Mayor Cochran said that this could be tabled for the next meeting.

Councilor Kirkland asked about windows replacement on Palmerdale Homestead Community Center. Mayor Cochran said that our architects are still working on a plan to make improvements.

Councilor Roberts asked questions about the new grey yard debris cans from Advanced Disposal. Mayor Cochran mentioned that there was a mail out and it was posted on the Pinson Mayor’s Facebook page.

Councilor Roberts opened a discussion regarding the alcohol policy. Mayor Cochran mentioned the alcohol policy, bringing up a resident, Mrs. Montgomery, who lives near the Community Center and was strongly against it. Councilor Roberts mentioned that he had received no positive feedback regarding an alcohol policy at the city facilities and that the City of Clay does not allow alcohol. Mayor Cochran mentioned that residents who live near the Pinson Community Center seem to be against having alcohol there, so it seems that should remain an alcohol-free facility, otherwise, there has not been a great deal of community feedback. After a brief discussion, during which Councilor Churchwell asked if the council was dropping the alcohol policy, Mayor Cochran said they would continue discussions at the next meeting.

Councilor Tanner mentioned meet the Indians at Pinson Valley High School on August 14 at 9 AM that will end with Varsity on the Field.

Public Comment: Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment.

Jim Rains 5234 Midwood Road, received garbage bill today and asked questions about Advanced Disposal being bought out by Waste Management and AMWaste, going on to mention the alcohol policy, saying that he was fine with it within reason as long as there is police to monitor it and keep it in control.

Patricia Montgomery of 6221 Dry Creek Lane voiced her opposition to alcohol in the Community Center and thanked the council for taking it off the agenda because it was at her front door.

Wayne Hyché of 5900 Miles Spring Rd spoke about thanking them for having the door open and thanked the mayor and council.

Barry Wilson thanked everyone for being here and spoke to the improvements in the building and mentioned that it is being rented out. The mayor thanked him and others for their work with the PHCC.

Mayor Cochran called for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously; we are hereby adjourned'**.

Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 8-5-2021						
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$2,105.13				
	Rock School-	\$2,805.29				
	Community Center-	\$290.89				
	PHCC-	\$911.64				
	Powell Ave.-	\$227.65				
	PYSC-	\$1,731.99				
	Triangle-	\$54.85				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,751.62				
	School Drive-	\$275.78				
	Bradford-	\$77.00				
	Box Cam	\$2,166.71				
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-	\$225.99				
	Rock School-	\$310.47				
	Community Center-	\$66.19				
	PHCC-	\$202.19				
	Powell Ave.-	\$42.86				
	PYSC-	\$489.23				
	Triangle-	\$27.66				
	TCNP-	\$160.59				
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66				
	Bradford-	\$27.66				
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$67.04				
	Rock School-	\$45.68				
	Community Center-	\$20.80				
	Powell Ave.-	\$9.59				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$8.27				
AT&T-		\$1,731.68				
Charter	City Hall-	\$212.88				
VC3-		\$2,008.80				
ALM Dues-		\$3,458.16				
UNA Center for Learning		\$857.00				
Xerox-		\$449.32				
Steadpoint		\$3,271.00				
Eric Winfrey- Reimbursement		\$88.21				
Brighten Up Electric-	Rock School-	\$26,024.00				
Advanced Disposal	Rock School	\$109.12				
Pike's Plumbing -	Rock School	\$414.45				
	PHCC-	\$522.45				
AT&T	PHCC-	\$123.98				
Utilities Board Oneonta	PHCC-	\$9.36				
Chris Sharit- Park 7/17, 7/24		\$525.00				
John Leon- Park 7/18, 7/24, 7/25, 7/31 TCNP		\$875.00				
Jeff Hall- TCNP 7/17, Park 7/31, 8/1		\$700.00				
Keith Smith- TCNP- 7/18, 7/24, 7/25, 8/1		\$840.00				
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office		\$34,00.00				
AT&T- Bicentennial-		\$85.61				
AT&T - Internet		\$96.70				
Cambell's Paving	Bicentennial Park-	\$21,300.00				
Rain Drop-	Bicentennial Park-	\$12,175.00				
Coca-Cola Bottling Company	Bicentennial Park-	\$240.56				
AT&T- Bradford	Bradford-	\$204.74				
The Sport Spot	PYSC-	\$14,280.00				
UYFA-	PYSC-	\$800.00				
Cheerleading.com	PYSC-	\$6,600.59				

Account Balances @ 06/30/2021:

Regions General Fund	\$ 2,245,673.50
Regions MM Capital Fund	77,081.56
Hometown Library Fund	5,870.65
Hometown 4-6-5	291,812.23
Hometown 7-2	16,706.25
Hometown Misc. Road	14,931.97
Hometown 10 cent tax	28,342.60
Hometown Saving Acct	578,937.59

Cheerleading.com	PYSC-	\$6,600.59				
BSN Sports-	PYSC-	\$3,547.19				
Metro Trailer	PYSC-	\$20.00				
Kellis	PYSC-	\$983.00				
Kristina Allred-Library-State Aid		\$312.36				
Noelia Ambriz - Library - State Aid		\$291.84				
Kanopy-	Library	\$56.00				
Amazon-	Library	\$3,716.03				
Junior Library Guild-		\$1,074.00				
OverDrive-	Library	\$315.45				
Jefferson County Library Coop	Library	\$4,530.00				
Virginia Brasher-		\$200.00				
AmeriTec-	Library	\$429.02				
Argo Power Equipment-	Library	\$3,218.21				
O'Reilly-	Public Works-	\$186.09				
Scott's Tire Outlet, Inc.	Public Works-	\$20.00				
Eastern Tree Service- (Misc R	Public Works-	\$1,250.00				
Verizon (Misc Road)		\$624.74				
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$479.07				
	Total:	<u>\$134,387.04</u>				
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale-	To be Paid 8/19/2021-	\$ 2,218.32				
Paid on 7/27:						
Wex-		\$5,766.47				