

Council Minutes  
August 19, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, August 19, 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 Roberts offered a motion to wave the reading of and approve the minutes from August 5, 2021. 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."**

**Grant Report:** Darryl Dailey, Grant Writer, gave a report on different grants that he has been researching and working on for the City of Pinson, including a Homeland Security Grant, ALEA, and a Coca Cola grant and answered questions from the mayor and council.

Paul Burnett, Account Executive of Byars Wright Insurance Company, introduced himself and Lyric Welty, broker, and John Byars, Vice President, each of whom gave a brief presentation regarding what their company offers municipalities and answered questions from the mayor and council.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$63,456.54, 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 one of the higher bills was Dunn Construction paving at Bicentennial Park. 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 event, the Back-to-School Bash featuring the Black Panther movie, had about 250 people in attendance and went very well. Councilor Tanner went on to say that she might propose having a movie around Christmastime.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Cochran reported on ADA upgrades at Pinson Youth Sports Complex and Palmerdale Homestead Community Center, speaking about the parking lot project and windows and his discussions with the architects and mentioned that the architect would give a more detailed report in September.

**New Business:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to renew a line of credit that expires on 9/27/ 2021. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained that the line of credit costs about \$5,000 a year to maintain but we feel it is worth keeping the line of credit in place in case a catastrophic event might we can respond quickly. 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 opened a discussion concerning COVID policy and procedure within city facilities. Councilor Churchwell mentioned the need for a written policy and Council Roberts agreed that it would be best for the employees to have a written policy to refer to.

**Old Business:** Councilor Walker offered a motion to enter an agreement with VC3 for phone service, VOIP Service monthly \$620.66 for all city facilities except Bradford. Councilor Kirkland 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."**

Councilor Walker offered a motion for internet service for all facilities adding three new sites for a monthly fee of approximately \$4,944.83 through Charter internet. Mayor Cochran added that we already pay around \$2,500 – 2,600 per month for those types of services and this would be a dramatic new enhancement of services. Councilor Walker went on to explain that Charter was not the lowest bidder, but the lowest bidder was a third-party broker, which involves more risk. Mayor Cochran added that it is also better to be able to communicate directly with the provider without a third party being involved. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked if this came in under our budget. Mayor Cochran answered that it was and that some American Rescue funding can be used until 2024. 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 opened a discussion concerning a monument sign at Pinson Bicentennial Park stating that the mayor will get a professional rendering of the sign and memorial.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve the purchase of 3 ice makers in the amount of \$13,097.00. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that there will be no locks. Mayor Cochran added that this will replace some of the old Coke ice machines at the ballpark as well as Bicentennial Park. 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."**

Councilor Roberts opened a discussion regarding the purchase of a street sweeper, asking Mayor Cochran to speak to the funding of the purchase. Mayor Cochran spoke about the American Rescue Plan funding and the thought that has been put in to find uses for it that fall within the plan's guidelines, stating that the street sweeper falls within ARP spending guidelines. Councilor Roberts mentioned the safety benefits of clean streets. Councilor Roberts offered a resolution concerning purchase of a street sweeper in the amount of \$169,960.00. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner commented that people have commented on how clean our curbs are. **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 as Resolution 2021-27.’**

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion concerning premium pay for City Employees through the American Rescue Plan. Councilor Tanner suggested this be tabled for the next meeting so that more research could be done. After a discussion in which Councilor Roberts, Mayor Cochran, Councilor Kirkland, Councilor Walker, and Councilor Churchwell all spoke about the idea, the mayor and council agreed to table it until the next meeting, speaking about their desire to do what is right for the city and the employees.

Councilor Kirkland offered a Resolution establishing the position of a part time Building Official/Compliance Officer. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran mentioned that he would like to hire someone immediately at \$28.00 Hr. Councilor Tanner asked if the mayor anticipated this turning into a full-time position. Mayor Cochran said that it would be important to experiment for six months to a year and consider it for the next budget. Seeing no further 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 as Resolution 2021-26.’**

Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Jason Howell, Fire Chief, Palmerdale Fire District, to speak concerning the purchase of a new ambulance and explained that the price has been discounted. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

**New Business:** Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve the purchase of portable lighting equipment in the amount of \$7,439.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell explained that these are portable lighting equipment that can be used at the Butterbean Festival, Christmas Parade, and other events. Mayor Cochran added that there was a diesel-powered generator to power them. Councilor Tanner said this prevents us from having to borrow from the City of Clay for football games, clarifying that it was for two machines. Councilor Roberts said they would also be helpful in case of emergency. Mayor Cochran mentioned the detail and care that the Public Works use in taking care of city equipment. 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 11 AEDs (defibrillators) with Survival Path and wall cabinets for city facilities in the amount of \$33,835.00. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran mentioned that this is also being paid for by American Recovery Funding, mentioning that this comes under contract and will be checked regularly. 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."**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve technology equipment in the amount of \$13,556.14. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran mentioned this would purchase 4 laptops, one for the new position, one to replace the unit at Bicentennial Park, including hardware and setup. 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 spoke about the kickoff for football for Pinson Valley High School tomorrow night, playing the Hewitt-Trussville Huskies.

Councilor Kirkland mentioned the Donald Trump Rally in Cullman.

Mayor Cochran spoke about Referendum at Deerfoot Point on Saturday the 21st, to 7am to 7pm.

**Fire Reports:** Chief Gene Coleman of Center Point Fire District gave the Fire Department Report.

**Public Comment:**

Ron Hyché of 5900 Miles Spring Rd asked about an event at Palmerdale Homestead Community Center asking if Luke would be welcome as well as his companion. Mayor Cochran said it was a public event anyone can attend.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion.

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

Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

| <b>Bills: 8-19-2021</b>              |                           |                    |                                       |                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Regions                              |                           | \$21,900.24        | <b>Account Balances @ 07/30/2021:</b> |                 |
| Alabama Power-                       | PYSC-                     | \$94.45            | Regions General Fund                  | \$ 2,282,935.73 |
| <b>Birmingham Water Works</b>        | <b>Powell Ave-</b>        | <b>\$82.16</b>     | Regions MM Capital Fund               | 77,055.19       |
|                                      | <b>Triangle Park-</b>     | <b>\$55.32</b>     | Hometown Library Fund                 | 4,373.92        |
|                                      | <b>Bicentennial Park-</b> | <b>\$581.02</b>    | Hometown 4-6-5                        | 307,995.78      |
|                                      | <b>Bradford-</b>          | <b>\$55.32</b>     | Hometown 7-2                          | 33,763.97       |
| Hand Arendall Harrison-              |                           | \$2,218.32         | Hometown Misc. Road                   | 16,607.63       |
| Greater B'Ham Humane Soc.            | City Hall-                | \$1,111.81         | Hometown 10 cent tax                  | 28,342.60       |
| Pitney Bowes-                        |                           | \$1,020.99         | Hometown Saving Acct                  | 579,080.34      |
| Precision Graphics-                  |                           | \$318.00           |                                       |                 |
| <b>Center Point Fire District</b>    |                           | <b>\$25.00</b>     |                                       |                 |
| Tribute Solutions-                   |                           | \$2,160.00         |                                       |                 |
| Stark                                | City Hall-                | \$15.00            |                                       |                 |
|                                      | Rock School               | \$90.00            |                                       |                 |
|                                      | Powell Ave.-              | \$103.00           |                                       |                 |
| Prestige Monitoring -                | Rock School               | \$270.00           |                                       |                 |
| Charter-                             | Rock School               | \$360.04           |                                       |                 |
| Chris Sharit- Splash Pad 8/14        |                           | \$192.50           |                                       |                 |
| John Leon- TCNP 8/7 8/8, 8/14, 8/15  |                           | \$840.99           |                                       |                 |
| Jeff Hall- Park 8/7, 8/8, 8/14, 8/15 |                           | \$507.50           |                                       |                 |
| Keith Smith- Park 8/7                |                           | \$210.00           |                                       |                 |
| Dunn Construction                    | Bicentennial Park-        | \$13,109.52        |                                       |                 |
| Etowah Chemical-                     | Bicentennial Park-        | \$320.00           |                                       |                 |
| AL Fence & Construction              | Bicentennial Park-        | \$1,510.00         |                                       |                 |
| <b>Coca-Cola Bottling-</b>           | <b>Bicentennial Park-</b> | <b>\$128.24</b>    |                                       |                 |
| A Plus Portable Restrooms-           | PYSC-                     | \$230.00           |                                       |                 |
| Athletic Field Supply-               | PYSC-                     | \$1,528.50         |                                       |                 |
| BSN-                                 | PYSC-                     | \$462.12           |                                       |                 |
| The Sports Spot-                     | PYSC-                     | \$1,155.00         |                                       |                 |
| Douglas Horst, Official              | PYSC-                     | \$45.00            |                                       |                 |
| Ingram                               | Library                   | \$1,283.30         |                                       |                 |
| Kanopy-                              | Library                   | \$21.00            |                                       |                 |
| Hoopla-                              | Library                   | \$587.21           |                                       |                 |
| Midwest Tape                         | Library                   | \$14.99            |                                       |                 |
| Demco                                | Library                   | \$276.83           |                                       |                 |
| Jefferson Co. Library Co-op.         | Library                   | \$142.00           |                                       |                 |
| T-Mobile                             | Library                   | \$1,249.50         |                                       |                 |
| Argo Power Equipment-                | Public Works-             | \$1,312.85         |                                       |                 |
| O'Reilly-                            | Public Works-             | \$225.58           |                                       |                 |
| Scott's Tire Outlet, Inc.            | Public Works-             | \$20.00            |                                       |                 |
| Uline                                | Public Works-             | \$1,032.47         |                                       |                 |
| Cintas                               | Public Works-             | \$303.66           |                                       |                 |
| Verizon (Misc Road)                  |                           | \$152.00           |                                       |                 |
| <b>Sweeping Corp of America</b>      | <b>Mis. Road</b>          | <b>\$4,876.00</b>  |                                       |                 |
| Alabama Power- (7/2)                 |                           | \$1,259.11         |                                       |                 |
|                                      | <b>Total:</b>             | <b>\$63,456.54</b> |                                       |                 |