

Council Minutes
September 2, 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 September 2, 2021. Councilor Churchwell 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 Churchwell
Councilor Kirkland
Mayor Cochran
Absent: Councilor Roberts

Mayor Cochran Introduced Donald ‘Hal’ Ferris as the new Building Inspector for the City of Pinson. Mr. Ferris introduced himself and gave some information about his background.

Brian Smith with Best Insurance gave a report on insurance, answering the mayor and council’s questions, and agreed to prepare and bring a report once a year and bring it to the council.

Fire District Reports: Alex Neighbors with the Center Point Fire District gave the Fire Department Report.

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to wave the reading of and accept the minutes from August 19, 2021. Councilor Tanner 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."**

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,128.43, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion on the bills. Councilor Tanner said that it was a low bill schedule with nothing notable. 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."**

Annexations:

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing 4635, 4631, 4612, and 4630 Elfreth Johnson Road into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Churchwell explained the map detailing the parcels. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the

following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously’.** Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-23.’**

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner announced the Veterans Day Luncheon with the Chick-Fil-A drive through 11/11 from 11:00-12:00 for a veteran and spouse and asked veterans to call city hall to make reservations. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Kirkland spoke to how well the luncheon went last year.

Mayor Cochran opened a planning and zoning public hearing for 4286 and 4296 Cedar Street for a post annexation zoning. As there was no one present to speak for or against, Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing.

Councilor Walker offered an ordinance rezoning the property post annexation. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously’.** **Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance** with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-24.’**

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran opened a discussion on current Covid policy and procedure, stating that currently employees will continue to be paid but policies will continue to be reviewed.

Mayor Cochran gave an update on the referendum of Deerfoot Pointe mentioning that they overwhelmingly voted to be in the city which added 174 homes and approximately 500 people to the incorporated City limits of Pinson. Council Tanner added that she was surprised at how large that the neighborhood is and how excited she is that they are in.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that the onboarding meeting of the Tyler Software would start 9/14.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion concerning COVID policy and procedure within city facilities. Councilor Churchwell mentioned the need for a written policy and agreed that it would be best for the employees to have a written policy to refer to. Mayor Cochran stated that currently employees will continue to be paid but policies will continue to be reviewed.

Old Business: Mayor Cochran opened a discussion concerning premium pay for City Employees through the American Rescue Plan, but this was tabled to the next meeting.

Mayor Cochran spoke about the council's previous decision to make payments for Palmerdale Fire Department's ambulance but explained that American Rescue Plan funding can cover that expense upfront and spoke to the fact that the city could pay the ambulance manufacturers up front and satisfy any ARP funding requirements.

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution concerning the purchase a new ambulance for the Palmerdale Fire Department using the American Rescue Plan Funding. Councilor Tanner 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: Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 2021-25**

New Business: Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing regarding 6230 Spraul Avenue in violation of litter, junk, and nuisance ordinance.

Mayor Cochran asked City Attorney Shane Black to speak to the issue. Attorney Black spoke about Ordinance 2020-14 which allows for the abatement of junk and litter and defined litter and junk as it applies to the ordinance and spoke to the procedure necessary to enforce the ordinance, including the public hearing. Mayor Cochran asked, Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, City of Pinson, to speak about the specific property and his actions concerning it. Mr. Jones presented correspondence and documentation with the owner from the past months and current photographs of the property, stating that the latest photographs indicate very little had changed.

Mayor Cochran asked if the property owner would like to come and address the council. Doug Red, Attorney on Old Springville Road, representing Nancy Callahan, challenged the application of trash and junk to this particular property. Nancy Callahan, also spoke, stating that she had started some flower bed remodeling last spring and got Covid and has slowly recovered and they had slowly been remodeling the flower beds since and she did not have garbage in the yard or anything that would be a nuisance.

Mayor Cochran thanked them and asked for any further information or comments from Attorney Red or Ms. Callahan. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran asked for any further comments from the public. Danny Bromley, 4285 Walnut Street, attested that Ms. Callahan's lawn mowers were not junk, said that as a neighbor he was not offended by their yard, that the Callahan family had experienced sickness, and asked the council not to be hasty. Mayor Cochran asked if anyone else would like to speak to this hearing. Bob Jones spoke briefly, stating that several of the lawn mowers appeared to be inoperable.

Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing.

Attorney Black presented possible next steps, including offering the resolution, not offering the resolution, and extending the public hearing.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to continue the public hearing for 60 days to give the resident the opportunity to get more things in order. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Councilor Kirkland mentioned that the council is tasked with working for the benefit of all the citizens and that the rules are necessary. 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." Attorney Black clarified that this would be revisited at the November 4th Pinson City Council Meeting.

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution declaring a public nuisance of grass and weeds at 4233 Walnut Street. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that she was proud of the city for attempting to keep such situations under control. Attorney Black spoke to the need for a public hearing.

Mayor Cochran opened the Public Hearing.

Bob Jones spoke to the situation.

Regina Persad of 4227 Walnut Street spoke to the fact that they have been dealing with this for over four years and appreciated the city taking care of this. Bob Jones spoke to the procedure. Danny Bromley, 4285 Walnut Street, spoke about the fact that this was in fact a nuisance and asked about a potentially dangerous tree in that yard. Seeing no further comments, **Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote** with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 21-29.**

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve the purchase portable lighting in the amount of \$8,000.00. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any 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."**

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution to award a contract to purchase of a truck from Stokes Automotive in the amount of \$51,902.48. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained that it was for the Public Works Department and would indirectly free up a vehicle for the new building inspector, further explaining the process involved in obtaining the vehicle. Mayor Cochran called for any further comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 21-30’.**

Councilor Kirkland made a motion to accept quotes for 2 HVACs for the Mayor’s office and the conference room in the amount of \$13,360 and one for Bicentennial Park Splash Pad Restrooms in the amount of 13,000. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran clarified that the HVACs for City Hall would be for the mayor’s office and the conference room, and all these air conditioners would be paid out of American Rescue Plan funding. 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 asked if there were any further announcements

Councilor Tanner spoke about PVHS hosting Gardendale on 9/3, mentioning that tickets could be ordered at Gofan.com. Councilor Tanner mentioned that Minor will be played next week.

Department Head Report:

Allison Scanlan, Director of Pinson Public Library, gave the library report, encouraging getting a library card and spoke about the educational and internet resources the library provides as well as State Aid. Mayor Cochran also mentioned that internet providers may be able to help your child receive internet for virtual learning.

Councilor Walker encouraged residents to visit our library. Councilor Kirkland mentioned that our library card covers the Jefferson County Libraries.

Public Comment:

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

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 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 9-2-2021						
Alabama Power-						
	PHCC-	\$65.50				
	Triangle-	\$26.84				
	Bradford-	\$80.82				
	Box Cam	\$2,166.71				
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-	\$210.01				
	Rock School-	\$700.84				
	Community Center-	\$132.38				
	PHCC-	\$412.70				
	PYSC-	\$774.62				
	TCNP-	\$156.43				
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66				
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$70.96				
	Rock School-	\$44.66				
	Community Center-	\$20.80				
	Powell Ave.-	\$19.18				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$16.54				
AT&T-		\$2,014.66				
Regional Planning Commission		\$4,365.00				
Kyocera		\$150.00				
Precision Graphics		\$1,268.00				
Darryl Dailey		\$1,700.00				
ASCAP		\$367.17				
Clerk Probate Court Jefferson County		\$1,432.00				
Charter Spectrum		\$212.88				
Kellis	City Hall	\$90.10				
	PYSC-	\$983.00				
	Triangle-	\$171.60				
	Bicentennial Park-	\$167.30				
	Bradford-	\$992.00				
	School Drive-	\$187.00				
Prestige Alarm	Rock School-	\$6,224.00				
Chris Sharit- PVHS 8/20, Splash Pad 8/21		\$437.52				
John Leon- Park 8/21, TCNP 8/22, 29 PYSC 8/28,		\$840.00				
Jeff Hall- Park 8/22, 8/28, 8/29		\$837.50				
Jordan Reid 8//20, 8/28 PVHS		\$455.00				
Keith Smith- TCNP 8/21, 8/28,PVHS 8/28		\$560.00				
Marlon Cole PYSC 8/28		\$280.00				
James Butterbrodt PVHS 8/27		\$210.00				
AT&T - Internet		\$96.70				
Officials	PYSC-	\$900.00				
BSN Sports-	PYSC-	\$2,465.00				
A Plus Portable Restrooms	PYSC-	\$230.00				
Stark Exterminators	PYSC-	\$54.00				
Amazon	Library	\$1,733.27				
Dell	Library	\$307.16				
Jefferson County Library Cooperative		\$230.64				
Wex	Public Works-	\$3,064.62				
Cintas	Public Works-	\$159.83				
Icemakers Inc.	School Drive-	\$433.00				
Verizon (Misc Road)		\$66.70				
Eastern Tree Service- (Misc Rd)		\$3,000.00				
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$516.13				
	Total:	<u>\$42,128.43</u>				

<u>Account Balances @ 07/30/2021:</u>	
Regions General Fund	\$2,282,935.73
Regions MM Capital Fund	\$77,055.19
Hometown Library Fund	\$4,373.92
Hometown 4-6-5	\$307,995.78
Hometown 7-2	\$33,763.97
Hometown Misc. Road	\$16,607.63
Hometown 10 cent tax	\$28,342.60
Hometown Saving Acct	\$579,080.34