

Council Minutes
October 7, 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 October 7, 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

Department Head Reports:

Allison Scanlan, Pinson Library Director, gave the library report announcing Storytime at Bicentennial Park and the Happy Halloween Scooby Doo event at Bicentennial Park and Oct 29, 6:00pm-8:00pm Boo Bash Fall Festival.

Minutes: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to wave the reading of and accept the minutes from September 16, 2021. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any comments. 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 made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$176,773.51, a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion on the bills. Councilor Tanner spoke about \$29,782 to Tyler Technologies being allocated for new software which was passed several months ago, \$34,000 going to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, \$29,000 for Martin Engineering for the flood mitigation, \$10,100 for Apex on duct work continuing at the Rock School, and \$8,000 for United Rentals for light towers. Mayor Cochran explained that some of the funding would come from the ARP funding. Mayor Cochran called for any further questions or commentary on the bills. 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 Tanner offered an ordinance to provide the issuance of an up to \$500,000 taxable general obligation line of credit warrant. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a 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 we have unanimous consent’. Mayor Cochran explained that this is something important in an emergency situation. 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 Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2021-25’**.

Enhancements: Councilor Kirkland announced Trade Day, November 6, mentioning the people on Main Street and asked about logistics such as trash and portable restrooms. Mayor Cochran said the road would be closed from the traffic light to Spring Street. After discussion with the Mayor and Council, Councilor Kirkland said that further details to be mentioned at the next City Council Meeting.

Councilor Tanner mentioned the Veterans Day Drive-Through Luncheon on November 11 from 11:00 – 12:00, asking that veterans and guests call City Hall for reservations.

Councilor Tanner announced the Pinson Christmas Parade December 7 starting at 6:30. Councilor Tanner went on to announce the theme of the parade was The Grinch who Stole Christmas and the route would start on Pinson Main Street and end at Pinson Bicentennial Park with the Tree Lighting.

Councilor Tanner made a motion that Marla Townsend, a 1982 Pinson Valley Graduate, who was key in getting a softball team at UAB grand marshal. 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 motion carries unanimously.’**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion that Santa Steve the Singing Santa at Brookwood Village be hired for up to \$500.00 for the event. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner mentioned that Santa would be at Bicentennial Park for the tree lighting following the parade. She also mentioned that the Pinson Valley choir would be there and float prizes, estimating that the event would be over by about eight pm. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. Mayor Cochran, **‘let the record reflect the motion carries unanimously.’**

Planning and Zoning: Mayor Cochran opened the public hearing regarding 8391 Highway 75 and 8478 North Valley Rd. Courtney Pass of 8439 North Valley Road asked what the city’s plan was for the property. Mayor Cochran explained that the property was annexed into the city and that this zoning change would reflect the fact that the property is now within Pinson City limits. Mayor Cochran called for any further public comment. Seeing none, **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

Councilor Kirkland offered an ordinance rezoning 8391 Highway 75 and 8478 North Valley Rd. Councilor Churchwell 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 Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance 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 as Ordinance 2021-26’**.

Councilor Roberts offered a resolution declaring a public nuisance relating to overgrown grass/weeds at 4135 Powell Avenue. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules** to allow Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, to show photographs and speak about the property. **Mayor Cochran reinstated rules**. 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 as Resolution 21-33’**.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Cochran announced Turn Pinson Pink day on Oct 21st the Council should wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Mayor Cochran gave the Alabama Butter Bean Festival Report, noting that Friday night had an incredible crowd as well as Saturday with an estimate for the two days between 42,000 and 43,000 people. Councilor Roberts and Councilor Tanner both spoke about the event.

Mayor Cochran announced the upcoming Veterans and First Responders Appreciation Day on 10/16 at Pinson Bicentennial Park, an event which is being put on by individuals and citizens who are seeking donations of additional food for the event free food for veterans and first responders.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that the new street sweeper arrived tonight and brought up his ambitions for fall cleanup, mentioning training next Wednesday and mentioning that it was paid for via American Rescue Plan funding and that the tractor was sold on Govdeals for \$60,000.

Mayor Cochran announced a special called meeting for October the 14th and 7:00 pm for the purpose of considering the adoption of city building and technical codes and the related public hearing on them.

Mayor Cochran gave an update on photography of city facilities.

Old Business:

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning premium pay for city employees totally \$36,500. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts mentioned that it was discussed in pre-council and mentioned that the technical terms that the funds were from the American Recovery Act, going on to say that raises and increases were withheld when Covid began, and this would be a good way to help make up for that. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the total would be \$36,500 for 28 employees. Councilor Roberts added that this did not include the mayor or council were not eligible for the funds. 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 Roberts-yes, Councilor Churchwell-yes, Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. Mayor Cochran **‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 21-23’**.

New Business: Councilor Churchwell offered a motion for a payment of \$6,000 to Jefferson County Sheriff's Reserve for their help with the Alabama Butterbean Festival. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran opened a brief discussion. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Cochran 'all in favor say aye all opposed say no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry.**

Councilor Tanner announced that Rudd Football was undefeated this year and start division playoffs tonight.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that PVHS Football was off this week but would face Clay next week.

Chief Gene Coleman, Fire Chief of the Center Point Fire Department, gave the Fire Department report.

Public Comment:

Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation and real estate.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation and real estate. Councilor Robert duly seconded the motion. Attorney Black – With respect to the litigation I can provide certification required for the open meetings law that the discussion relates to pending or threatened litigation that could be detrimental if discussed in open forum.

Mayor Cochran 'all in favor say aye all opposed say no'. Mayor Cochran, **'let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry.** Mayor Cochran stated we will not reconvene other than to adjourn.

Mayor Cochran called the council out of executive session.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion.

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

Adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 10-7-2021					
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$2,174.45			
	Rock School-	\$281.83			
	Community Center-	\$306.54			
	PHCC-	\$1,051.77			
	Powell Ave.-	\$245.23			
	PYSC-	\$2,301.56			
	Triangle-	\$47.71			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,730.97			
	School Drive-	\$305.73			
	Bradford-	\$77.00			
	Box Cam	\$2,166.71			
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-	\$98.15			
	Rock School-	\$127.84			
	Community Center-	\$15.98			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$1,148.62			
	PYSC-	\$0.00			
	Powell Ave.-	\$3.56			
Trussville Utilities-	City Hall-	\$67.04			
	Rock School-	\$17.74			
	Community Center-	\$20.80			
Utilities Board Oneonta	Community Center-	\$8.56			
AT&T-		\$2,125.33			
AT&T - Internet		\$96.70			
Charter Spectrum		\$212.88			
Waste Management	PVHS	\$351.00			
Tyler Technologies		\$29,782.00			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office		\$34,000.00			
Southern Environmental Center		\$1,299.91			
Hand Arendale Harrison		\$8,416.32			
VC3		\$1,972.21			
Land Title Company of Alabama		\$350.00			
Automatic Ice and Beverage		\$6,408.00			
Darryl Dailey		\$350.00			
Best Insurance Group		\$700.00			
Ray and Gilliland, P.C.		\$1,835.00			
Martin Engineering	ARP	\$20,250.00			
Visual Productions		\$3,550.00			
University of North Alabama		\$82.00			
Xerox		\$56.64			
Palmerdale Fire Distirict		\$600.00			
Precision Graphics	ABBF	\$162.00			
Apex Mechanical Services Inc	Rock School-	\$10,100.00			
	PHCC-	\$175.00			
Kellis	City Hall-	\$490.10			
	Rock School	\$888.53			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,348.24			
	Triangle-	\$171.60			
	Bradford-	\$187.00			
	PYSC-	\$1,952.31			
Apex Mechanical Services Inc	PHCC-	\$175.00			
BSCO	PHCC-	\$4,369.00			
BSN Sports-	PYSC-	\$2,165.42			
Miracle and Spiritual Designs	PYSC-	\$539.00			
Stark Exterminators	PYSC-	\$54.00			
A Plus Portable Restrooms	PYSC-	\$230.00			
Brighten-Up Electrical	PYSC	\$325.00			
T-Mobile	Library	\$608.46			
Amazon- Library	Library	\$2,039.99			
Hoopla- Library	Library	\$624.23			
Ingram	Library-	\$985.90			
Demco	Library	\$417.45			
Kanopy	Library	\$16.00			
Penworthy	Library State Aid	\$1,418.44			
Dell	Library	\$469.11			
Metro Trailer	Public Works-	\$20.00			
United Rentals	Public Works	\$8,000.00			
O'Reilly	Public Works	\$915.33			
Argo Power Equipment	Public Works	\$1,611.84			
American Promo	Public Works	\$1,793.94			
Independent Lift	Public Works	\$1,330.22			
WEX Fleet	Public Works	\$2,805.64			
Verizon (Misc Road)		\$277.86			
Eastern Tree Service- (Misc Rd)		\$1,500.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$1,971.12			
	Total:	\$176,773.51			
Tymco (PW Street Sweeper)	ARFP - Paid on delivery	\$168,460.00			

Account Balances @ 09/30/2021:
Regions General Fund \$1,954,638.42
Regions MM Capital Fund \$77,002.50
Hometown Library Fund \$5,171.55
Hometown 4-6-5 \$314,203.31
Hometown 7-2 \$32,799.72
Hometown Misc. Road \$7,168.32
Hometown 10 cent tax \$28,342.60
Hometown Saving Acct \$579,232.65
(Hometown Savings Account as of 8/31)