

Council Minutes
November 4, 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 November 4, 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 waive the reading of and accept the minutes from October 21, 2021. Councilor Kirkland 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 \$113,561.30 a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked if there were any discussion on the bills. Councilor Tanner mentioned \$34,000.00 being paid to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Deputies and \$33,835 for eleven AED Devices. As there was 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."**

Enhancements: Councilor Kirkland gave an announcement about our first Trade Days on Pinson Main Street on Saturday from 9:00 AM 4:00 PM. Mayor Cochran spoke about a classic Car Show that is going to happen and is being hosted by the merchants of Main Street.

Councilor Tanner talked about the Veteran’s Day Luncheon Drive Through on November 11 from 11:00-12:00 call to reserve by Friday November 5th.

Councilor Tanner spoke about the Pinson Christmas Parade, Tuesday Dec 7 beginning at 6:30 and mentioned that the theme is the Grinch Who Stole Christmas and will start on Pinson Main Street with forms to fill out on the city’s website.

Councilor Tanner spoke about Christmas Movie in The Park and the council agreed it would be December 10th and the movie would be How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cochran announced that the Shred-A-Thon would be happening Saturday November 6 from 9:00am-12 pm.

Mayor Cochran spoke about building permitting and inspections report was going strong.

Mayor Cochran spoke about the possibility of the Innsbrooke HOA deeding Innsbrooke Lake to the City.

Mayor Cochran gave a playoffs update announcing that the Pinson Valley Indian Playoffs with Muscle Shoals on November 5th.

Old Business: Mayor Cochran resumed a public hearing at 6230 Spraul Avenue regarding a Violation of the Litter/Junk Nuisance Ordinance.

Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator, gave report on the property at of 3 P.M. today. Mayor Cochran asked if there have been any improvements since the extension of time. Mr. Jones said that he did not see anything has changed.

Melissa Callahan, owner of 6230 Spraul Avenue presented a power point to the Council. Councilor Tanner mentioned that the city has been working with you for two to three years now representing the city the home values are down. Councilor Walker asked if the lawn mowers run. Councilor Kirkland mentioned that we have to think of all the citizens.

Danny Bromley of 4285 Walnut Street spoke about the Holiday Season and asked for thirty days. Councilor Tanner said that they seem to have gotten rid of some things, but they have added things as well. Councilor Roberts mentioned that landscaping has improved. Councilor Churchwell said it has been over two years to clean up the yard if you need more time how much more time to you need? Councilor Kirkland mentioned that it is a big investment to buy a home and not taking care of the property does affect the neighborhood. Councilor Walker asked how long the materials.

Phillip Straus of 6230 Spraul Avenue spoke about the situation. **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution ordering the abatement of litter/junk and nuisance located at 6230 Spraul Avenue. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts asked if landscaping materials is considered junk. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules** to allow Bob Jones to answer the question. Mayor Cochran said that Bob will execute the abatement will be set up with the advanced notice the day it will be removed. Attorney Black stated that nothing would prohibit the owners from removing any of this before contractor arrives. Seeing no further discussion **Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.** Mayor Cochran called for a roll-call vote on the resolution with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran 'let the record reflect that passed unanimously as Resolution 21-35'.**

New Business: Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about Covid -19 leave. Councilor Roberts made note of a few minor changes to the policy. Mayor Cochran and Attorney Black spoke to further clarifications.

Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning Covid -19 Leave. Councilor Roberts 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, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passed unanimously as Resolution 21-36’ with the denoted changes.**

Councilor Kirkland opened a discussion regarding the showers at Bicentennial Park and converting the showers to storage. Councilor Kirkland offered a motion authorizing the mayor to oversee converting the Bicentennial Park showers to closets in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00. Councilor Walker 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 Tanner offered a motion to move a gate to get better access at Turkey Creek Nature preserve in the amount of \$14,995.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion and mentioned that these monies would come from American Recovery Act funding. 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 Roberts offered a motion to purchase a floor cleaner for the Rock School Complex events area in the amount of \$5,238.18. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran asked Attorney Black if he believed this could fall under American Rescue Plan funding. Attorney Black said that it would need to be discussed. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Fire Department Report: Chris Horn, Captain in the Center Point Fire Department gave the Fire Department Report, mentioning that four to five explorers will help with the city’s Shred-A-Thon on Saturday. Captain Horn also mentioned that fire dues have increased per the Fire Board and mentioned that a meeting will occur Monday night at 6:00 if anyone had questions or concerns.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about wreaths across America.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion for \$1500 to be donated for 100 wreaths for Veterans in our cemeteries. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion, mention that the cemeteries could include Red Hill, Sunrise Cemetery, and others submitted by the council. 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 mentioned the Veteran’s Day Luncheon.

Councilor Roberts congratulated the Atlanta Braves for winning the World Series.

Public Comment:

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

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion.

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

Adjourned at 8:36

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 11-4-2021					
Alabama Power-	City Hall-	\$1,592.68			
	Rock School-	\$1,894.52			
	Community Center-	\$198.99			
	PHCC-	\$634.23			
	Powell Ave.-	\$152.13			
	PYSC-	\$2,025.18			
	Triangle-	\$49.87			
	Bicentennial Park-	\$2,133.37			
	School Drive-	\$362.90			
	Insbrooke	\$106.35			
Birmingham Water-	City Hall-				
	Community Center-	\$82.89			
	PYSC-	\$82.89			
	PHCC-	\$243.79			
	Powell Ave.-	\$42.86			
AT&T-		\$2,562.73			
AT&T - Internet		\$96.70			
Charter Spectrum		\$212.88			
Waste Management	ABBF	\$350.00			
Land Title Company of Alabama		\$1,050.00			
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office		\$34,000.00			
Darryl Dailey		\$350.00			
Mayer Electric		\$1,204.43			
Precision Graphics		\$176.00			
Cardiac Solutions		\$33,835.00			
Best Insurance Group		\$2,834.00			
Xerox		\$116.18			
BSN Sports-	PYSC	\$2,191.27			
Stark Exterminators	PYSC-	\$114.00			
Metro Goals	PYSC-	\$5,757.50			
A Plus Portable Restrooms	PYSC	\$230.00			
Cierra Dunbarr	PYSC	\$50.64			
UYFA Cheer (Andrea Self)	PYSC	\$200.00			
Uline	PYSC	\$3,792.31			
Amazon- Library	Library	\$1,908.75			
Hoopla- Library	Library	\$445.98			
Ingram	Library	\$1,678.20			
Dell	Library	\$307.16			
Midwest Tape	Library	\$108.17			
Metro Trailer	Library	\$20.00			
Karen Moody	Library	\$100.00			
Junior Library Guild	Library State Aid	\$100.00			
Pike's Plumbing	Public Works	\$793.00			
Scott's Tire Outlet, Inc.	Public Works	\$475.42			
Ruff Septic Tank Services	Public Works	\$2,650.00			
Cintas	Powell Ave-	\$152.05			
WEX Fleet	Public Works	\$2,264.36			
M and M Tire and Mechanical	Public Works	\$305.00			
Verizon (Misc Road)	Public Works	\$277.66			
Eastern Tree Service- (Misc Rd)		\$2,650.00			
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$599.26			
	Total:	<u>\$113,561.30</u>			
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC TBP		\$8,425.73			

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)