

Council Minutes  
August 18, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Roberts 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 Irvin  
Councilor Roberts  
Councilor Churchwell  
Mayor Cochran

**Absent:**

Councilor Walker  
Councilor Kirkland

**Minutes:** Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from August 4th. Councilor Irvin 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 unanimously'.**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$171,497.06 Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills included \$34,000.00 for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, \$11,050.00 for Campbell's Paving, and Tyler Technologies for \$29,852.35 for software, as well as for Milam for \$65,000.00. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say 'aye' all opposed to say "no". **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect the ayes carry."**

**Planning and Zoning:** Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance annexing property located at 4397 Main Street into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran, unanimous consent passes. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: 'Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. **Mayor Cochran – 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-17'.**

**Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance annexing property located at 6121 Sunrise Drive into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results:** Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor

Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran, unanimous consent passes. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: ‘Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. **Mayor Cochran – ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-16’.**

**Enhancements:** Mayor Cochran opened a discussion about the Centennial Celebration at the Rock School.

Councilor Churchwell spoke about the Centennial Celebration and the Rock School Reunion, saying that it was a very good event and that everything went well, mentioning that there were about 246 who signed the books.

Councilor Irvin mentioned that the event was fun, she enjoyed getting to meet a lot of people in the city, and that she enjoyed the food catered from Ken’s.

Councilor Roberts mentioned that it was a great event and well run.

Mayor Cochran agreed, mentioning the planning that went into it from the Pinson Historical Society, the library, library director, the city clerk and Public Works Director. The mayor mentioned the compliments he received from people regarding the Public Works Department workers and how they represented the city at the event. Overall, Mayor Cochran said that he thought about five hundred people attended throughout the day. The mayor went on to say that the only problem he saw was that the PA system needed to be upgraded and spoke about potential cost for a PA system for approximately \$20,000.00.

Councilor Roberts spoke about the simultaneous event at 1st Baptist Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at Pinson Bicentennial Park, saying that he enjoyed this event as well.

Councilor Churchwell thanked Mayor Cochran for the opportunity to read the proclamation for his home church thanked Mayor Cochran.

Councilor Irvin agreed that this event was a lot of fun.

Mayor Cochran spoke about the FBC Pinson Praise Band and the community service they provide.

Councilor Roberts congratulated Public Works and Parks and Rec, saying that the grass at the park looked first class, adding that the park, the Rock School, and the library are all something to be proud of.

Councilor Irvin announced that the last movie in the park is Jungle Cruise would be the Movie in the Park Friday night and that it would start at dusk, somewhere between 8:00 and 8:30.

### **Planning & Zoning:**

**Mayor Cochran opened the Public Hearing regarding 4233 Walnut Street and 4221 Oak Street.**

**Chris Sharit, Zoning Official, City of Pinson, spoke about 4233 Walnut Street, stating that the grass was waist high.**

Gary and Regina McConnel, 4227 Walnut Street, spoke about living next door, mentioning their relationship with the previous owner who is now deceased, and mentioning that they have had to deal with the overgrown yard ever since he passed away. Mr. McConnel went on to indicate that

there is now a rodent and snake problem due to the overgrowth and that the house itself should have been condemned a long time ago.

Mayor Cochran said that condemnation was not a possibility in the past, but that we will look at the possibility of condemnation.

James and Donna Dean, 4267 Walnut Street, spoke about living next door to the property, mentioning that they have killed many snakes, and mentioning that it is not fair for the other neighbors, who keep their property up, to have to deal with this. Mrs. Dean went on to mention her grandson and her concern for his safety and mentioned how hard citizens work to maintain their yards and asked the mayor questions about the process.

Laura Whitt, 6207 Spraul Avenue, asked about the rodents and if the city workers would take off the debris after mowing the yard.

Chris Sharit, Director of Public Safety, said that he would visit the property on Tuesday with a checklist for condemnation that would be brought to City Attorney Shane Black, saying that we would try for condemnation, but it would be up to a judge to condemn it and it can be difficult to convince a judge to tear down someone's home.

Mayor Cochran added that while the city is willing to press for condemnation, he hates to do it, because with legal fees it is more difficult and expensive for the owner, and he would much prefer the owner address the issues themselves.

**Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

**Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance due to overgrown grass and weeds at 4223 Walnut Street. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: 'Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran – 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-27'.**

**Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance due to overgrown grass and weeds at 4221 Oak Street. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: 'Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran – 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-28'.**

**Mayor Cochran set a public hearing for September 1, 2022 @ 7:00 PM regarding costs of demolition at 5237 Dewey Heights Rd.**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Cochran spoke about a bid opening on Friday from 8/5 that opened 3500 HD Silverado awarded and purchased in the amount of \$59,682.50.

**Councilor Irvin offered a motion to purchase a lawn mower for Pinson Valley High School at the request of Principal Turner in the amount of \$5,200.00, to be paid out of discretionary funds.** Councilor Roberts 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'.**

**Old Business:** Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the take over in the fall of the PHCC Non-profit Board lease termination as of August 31. Mayor Cochran spoke about the running of the facility to be handled by the Parks and Recreation department, with booking to be handled by the front office at City Hall, and the possibility of hiring a service to clean the facility. PHCC Board will handle through the end of the month. Mayor Cochran went on to voice his appreciation for the work of the PHCC Board over the years and mention ideas for renovation of aspects of the facility in coming years.

Councilor Roberts said that without the hard work done by the board that historical building would probably have been left to ruin. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that they have done a tremendous job and we appreciate it. Councilor Irvin spoke about how beautiful the facility is.

**New Business:** Councilor Irvin offered an ordinance authorizing the mayor to make the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center available for short term rental by third party. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran – 'let the record reflect unanimous consent passes'. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: 'Councilor Irvin – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran -yes. Mayor Cochran – 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-18'.

Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of an ordinance concerning mobile food units.

**Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to purchase a 2022, 6 seat golf cart, in the amount of \$18,800.00.** Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After some discussion, during which the mayor and Councilor Roberts spoke about the different events around the city and PVHS for which golf carts are used, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say 'aye', all opposed to say 'no'. **Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect the ayes carry'.**

**Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve an additional software module from Tyler Technologies for work orders in the amount of \$6,970.00 for a one-time fee and a \$2,299.00 recurring fee.** Councilor Irvin 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'.**

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion changing the street name at Bicentennial Park from Oak St West and adding a street to Pinson Sports Complex. Mayor Cochran called for suggestions. Councilor Irvin suggested calling it Bicentennial Drive. Councilor Churchwell was happy for the street to be called Bicentennial and was fine with drive or road. Councilor Roberts agreed.

Mayor Cochran offered a first reading of the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center Rental Agreement.

Councilor Irvin spoke about the theme for the Christmas Parade which would be Ugly Christmas Sweater for Christmas.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Stanley Moss to speak.

Stanley Moss, 4339 Mountain Street, President of the Pinson Historical Society, thanked the Pinson City Council, on behalf of the historical society, for all it had done for the Bicentennial Event. Mr. Moss added that Pinson is the first community to celebrate their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Cochran opened up the floor for public comment.

Mayor Cochran called for a motion to adjourn.

**Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to adjourn.**

**Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion.**

Mayor Cochran, 'all in favor say aye; all opposed say 'no'. Mayor Cochran **'let the record reflect the ayes carry we are adjourned'**.

Adjourned at 7:59 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 8-18-2022

Regions \$14,828.13

Birmingham Water Works

City Hall \$133.48

PHCC \$210.66

Community Center \$16.56

Rock School- \$132.53

Powell Ave.- \$47.96

Bicentennial Park \$1,713.04

Trussville Gas & Water City Hall- \$68.38

Rock School- \$47.74

Community Center \$20.80

Bicentennial Park \$8.27

Powell Ave.- \$8.27

Greater Birmingham Humane Society \$1,451.89

AT&T \$168.75

AT&T Firstnet \$1,363.23

VC3 \$3,979.51

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office \$34,000.00

**Milam & Co. LLC \$65,982.53**

**Cambell's Paving \$11,050.00**

Ed's Lock and Key \$500.00

Wise Environmental \$125.00

Waste Management \$544.83

Prestige Alarm \$625.24

Brighten Up Electrical Bicentennial Park \$1,800.00

Pioneer Research Corporation \$237.15

Stark Exterminators Powell Ave.- \$103.00

Golf Carts Unlimited \$5,400.00

Precision Graphics, Inc. \$902.00

Steadpoint \$2,992.00

Gibson Construction \$675.00

Government Partnership Solutions \$1,200.00

Ewing \$58.17

Tyler Technologies \$29,852.35

Hemphill Services, LLC \$2,613.00

Ken's BBQ Centennial Celebration \$4,382.52

Muella Photography Centennial Celebration \$600.00

Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation \$170.61

**Kyocera \$1.27**

**Express Oil Change \$79.98**

Children's Plus Inc. Library (State Aid) \$621.13

Midwest Tape Library \$44.22

Ingram Library \$2,564.49

Dell Library \$307.16

Overdrive Library \$26.99

Kellis PYSC- \$3,232.15

O'Reily \$6.79

Cintas Public Works \$2,115.75

Mayer Electric Public Works \$4,647.90

Uline Public Works \$274.19

A Plus Portable Restrooms Public Works \$265.00

Alabama Power- (7/2) \$1,610.79

Verizon Connect (Misc. Rd) \$152.00

Total: \$171,497.06

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Account Balances @7/29/22:

Regions Gen. Fund \$2,251,254.59

Regions MM Cap. Fund \$144,914.73

Hometown Library Fund \$6,972.66

Hometown 4-5-6 \$362,646.03

Hometown 7-2 \$77,253.17

Hometown Misc. Road \$31,449.69

Hometown 10 cent tax \$87,195.55

Hometown Saving Acct \$563,438.16