

Council Minutes
October 3, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, October 3, 2024. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Walker 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 members present:

Councilor Irvin
Councilor Walker
Mayor Pro Tem Roberts
Councilor Churchwell
Councilor Kirkland
Mayor Cochran- **Absent**

Council members spoke regarding the life and contribution to the community and passing of Mayor Joe Cochran.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to nominate Robbie Roberts for the vacant position of mayor. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- no, Councilor Walker- no, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the motion passes 3 to 2.”**

Attorney Shane Black swore Robbie Roberts in as Mayor.

Rules Suspended

Ms. Woodruff Rudd Middle School new Principal spoke regarding the community and students at Rudd Middle School. Ms. Woodruff has 23 years of experience in education.

Rules Reinstated

Minutes: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from September 19, 2024. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Finance: Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the bills for 10/03/24 in the amount of \$89,301.46. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Enhancements:

Mayor Roberts commented on the Pride of the Valley Band Festival. He stated it was a great event.

Mayor Roberts invited everyone to attend the Alabama Butterbean Festival. Mayor Roberts stated we have 126 vendors attending and the fireworks show will start at 9pm.

Annexations:

Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance to annex 6582 Davison Rd. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, **Mayor Roberts, unanimous consent passes.** Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the Ordinance 2024-06 passes unanimously.”**

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Roberts gave an update on the park and Rec update also he announced that Randy Terry will be the interim Park and Rec Director.

Mayor Roberts gave an update on the city accountant update and recommendations for the staff.

Old Business:

Attorney Black spoke about the property at 4310 Main Street as an unsafe structure. The owner plans to demolish the structure. 4310 Main Street will be demolished by the owner, and 4302/4306 will be demolished by the city. The hearing was postponed until the 1st meeting in November.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve the Flock Cameras at the cost of \$42,251.04 for 13 cameras. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion Mayor Roberts called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, **Mayor Roberts, unanimous consent passes.** Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously.”**

New Business:

Councilor Irvin offered an Ordinance to separate the office of City Clerk and City Treasurer. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the Ordinance. Mayor Roberts called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes. **Mayor Roberts, unanimous consent passes.** Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor

Councilor Walker offered a Resolution to update the position of Revenue Clerk. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the Resolution 24-08 passes unanimously.”**

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to outsourcing payroll. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Public Comment:

Randy Terry- Interim Park and Rec Director spoke regarding his interim position and upcoming sports registration.

Chris Horn-CTPT Fire District gave the fire district report.

Eric Winfrey- Operations Director spoke about Mayor Joe Cochran.

James Vining-6803 Trussville, asked Mayor Roberts will he be a Full Time Mayor, or Part-time Mayor? Also asked if the budget pass soon. Also spoke about the death trap with people cutting across through the library parking, lot needs to be addressed.

Dana Henry- 1400 Mountain View Ln. Springville, Joe Cochran sister-n-law spoke regarding the last meeting. Also stated she hoped the city can move forward and not hold grudges.

Natalie Roberts- 6613 Heather Brooke Cir. Thanked the council for the kind words they stated about Joe. She also spoke of her father Mayor Roberts and the work he has done for the city.

Greg Kirkland- 5645 Miles Spring Rd. stated he supports the city council and Mayor Roberts to continue to move Pinson forward. He hopes they work together to make things happen for the best of the city.

Alicia Pippin 4736 Innsbrooke Pkwy. Gave her condolences to the Cochran Family and spoke about how Joe was involved with the kids in the community.

Bob Jones-Thanked Joe for everything he did for the school, city, and children. He thanked Joe for his service as Mayor.

Clinteshia Irvin- Stated regarding the September 19, 2024 meeting she stands by what she said to Mayor Roberts she did apologize for causing a little chaos to make progress. But she has his back and congratulated Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Roberts- Quoted from the book of Philippians 2:3-4.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion.

Attorney Black, ‘I provide certification in regard to pending or threatening litigation; it would be detrimental if items were discussed in open forum’.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roberts called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin-yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.”** Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously.”**

Mayor Roberts called the council out of execution session.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry and we are adjourned”.**

Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk