

Council Minutes  
April 7, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor appointed Heather Lind, Acting City Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Heather Lind, Acting 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 approve the minutes from the March 3 meeting. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any additional comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say no. **Mayor ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously’.**

**Fire District Reports:** Chief Howell of the Palmerdale Fire District gave the Fire District report.

**Franchise Agreement:** Paul Chaney with CRC/Otelco spoke about the Franchise Agreement.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to for an ordinance regarding a franchise agreement with CRC Communication, LLC. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran. Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-07’.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$375,157.85. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any highlights. Councilor Tanner mentioned Vulcan Construction for \$11,402.39, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office was paid \$34,000.00, Milam & Co \$213, 517.82, and \$21,80.00 was paid to Birmingham Southern College. 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."**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to continue movies in the park for six movies in the amount of \$2000.00. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Councilor Tanner said here would be more info at the next meeting and here would be new locations this year. 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 Tanner gave a City Fest Update, reminding everyone that CityFest will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00 at Pinson Bicentennial Park, adding that the Splash Pad will be open and free, but no disc golf can happen until about 4:00. Councilor Tanner went on to say that there will be three bands performing and there will be square dancing for adults.

**Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Cochran opened the public hearing for post annexation rezoning case Z-2022-03. As there was no one present to speak for or against, Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Churchwell offered an ordinance in the amount of 2022-06 changing the zoning classification of real estate. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Councilor Kirkland – yes, Mayor Cochran. Mayor Cochran, 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-06'.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Cochran spoke about the Darter IPA from Good People Brewing Company and proceeds from upcoming events that will go to Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. Mayor Cochran announced upcoming events including Peter & Starcatcher's at Pinson Valley High School Presenting Imaginary Monsters on 4/22 at 6:00 PM Special FX Group.

**Old Business:** Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve a feasibility study regarding a City of Pinson School System. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Tanner spoke about comments she has received from volunteers at the school supporting the idea of a school system and added her support for this study and the future of the kids. Councilor Walker spoke about his continued support of the sports programs at PVHS and how he hears the same questions and said that the feasibility study is a relatively small amount of money to figure out if a school system is feasible. Mayor Cochran said that he had received a letter from Dr. G to attend all four schools to show him what is wrong. Mayor Cochran said that he did not want it to appear as though they are waging war with Dr. G and the others, as they have met with them already. Councilor Kirkland asked what the public really wants and expressed her concerns about upsetting the current system. Councilor Churchwell said that it does not feel like the council heeds it's own (school) board. Councilor Roberts said that he has done a lot of research and had several meetings with different faculty and staff and says there

are several issues that need to be addressed, including a new high school in the next three to five years and that we will get a proper investigation of the schools. Councilor Walker stated that this was about the kids and the need to fight for the people of Pinson. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the feasibility study with the following results: Councilor Tanner- yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – no, Councilor Churchwell – no, Councilor Kirkland – no, Mayor Cochran voted yes. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the motion does not pass’.

**New Business:** Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve a Roll Off Dumpster for Land Trust cleanup on 4/9 at \$350.00. Councilor Kirkland 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 motion carries unanimously’.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve The Armor Shop vest quote for Chris Sharit in the amount of \$350.00. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Walker mentioned that it came with a 15-year warranty. 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 Churchwell offered a motion to approve a TK-52XP Power Mower in that amount of \$57,950.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran mentioned that the cost may be less and that the mower will help keep Pinson beautiful. 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 Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve 55 inch Smart TV for \$500.00 for the Public Safety Office. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. 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 motion carries unanimously’.

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve updates at Pinson Youth Sports Complex, including a Bresco quote for \$5,785.00 for 3 undercounter freezers and two stainless steel worktables for \$1400.00, commercial shelving for \$2500.00 and roll up door replacements at \$1500.00 (making them ADA compliant with labor at \$275.00. Councilor Kirkland 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 motion carries unanimously’.

Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to approve purchase of Commercial Refrigerator for Bicentennial Park up to \$2500. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. 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 Roberts gave an update on the road closures on the interstate construction project and suggested contacting the governor’s office with any complaints about the impact.

Shane Black mentioned that it is an honor to service this community and the meetings are run well.

Allison Scanlan, Pinson Public Library Director, gave the library report, announcing upcoming events.

Eric Winfrey, Director of Public works, gave an update on the phones, countertops for Rock School, doors, and other projects. Director Winfrey said that the pavement will be completed in the next two weeks and encouraged everyone to look at the equipment in the park.

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

Dorland Terry of Miles Spring Road gave an update on the water situation.

Vincent Lewis spoke about the need to stand up for a new school system.

Pam Johnson, 9656 Silly Dean Road, stated that she has gone to the state and asked the council if they had been to the school, mentioning that she was told that could not take a board candidate into the schools unless they are with Dr. G.

Tracey Johnson, 6408 Sunrise Lane, stated that the council members should have looked at the school prior to voting on the study, saying that the council as elected to those positions and are expected to do the job.

**Councilor Tanner offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Walker 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; we are hereby adjourned’.**

Adjourned at 8:43

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Lind, Acting City Clerk

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Bills: 4-7-2022                   |                     |                    |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Regions</b>                    |                     | <b>\$13,581.58</b> | <b>Account Balances @ 3/31/2022:</b>     |  |  |  |
| Alabama Power                     | PYSC-               | \$1,391.22         | <b>Regions Gen. Fund \$1,967,348.48</b>  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Rock School-        | \$222.84           | <b>Regions MM Cap. Fund \$76,844.32</b>  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Box Cam             | \$2,166.71         | <b>Hometown Library Fund \$3,811.69</b>  |  |  |  |
|                                   | City Hall           | \$1,265.23         | <b>Hometown 4-6-5 \$314,465.33</b>       |  |  |  |
|                                   | Storm Shelter       | \$101.59           | <b>Hometown 7-2 \$21,869.71</b>          |  |  |  |
|                                   | Bicentennial-       | \$2,394.20         | <b>Hometown Misc. Road \$38,646.16</b>   |  |  |  |
|                                   | Bradford Trafford   | \$102.94           | <b>Hometown 10 cent tax \$28,342.60</b>  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Powell Ave          | \$117.47           | <b>Hometown Saving Acct \$562,683.91</b> |  |  |  |
|                                   | Library             | \$2,654.56         |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Community Center    | \$198.74           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | PHCC-               | \$2,672.59         |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Triangle Park-      | \$61.79            |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | School Drive        | \$322.29           |  |  |  |  |
| Birmingham Water Works            | City Hall-          | \$116.92           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Rock School-        | \$352.22           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Triangle Park-      | \$27.31            |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Powell Ave.-        | \$43.85            |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Community Center    | \$67.22            |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | PHCC-               | \$210.66           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | PYSC-               | \$184.70           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Bradford-           | \$27.31            |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Bicentennial-       | \$354.59           |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Innsbrook-          | \$27.31            |  |  |  |  |
| Utilities Board-Oneonta           | PHCC-               | <b>\$8.56</b>      |  |  |  |  |
| AT&T                              |                     | <b>\$2,332.27</b>  |  |  |  |  |
| AT&T Firstnet                     |                     | \$601.63           |  |  |  |  |
| Vulcan Materials Company          | PHCC-               | \$11,402.39        |  |  |  |  |
| Central Station                   | PHCC-               | \$210.00           |  |  |  |  |
| Lockcorp Inc.                     | City Hall           | \$170.00           |  |  |  |  |
| Spectrum                          |                     | <b>\$8,357.27</b>  |  |  |  |  |
| Jefferson County Sheriff's Office |                     | \$34,000.00        |  |  |  |  |
| Latta Plumbing                    | PHCC-               | \$4,200.00         |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | PYSC                | \$7,144.80         |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | City Hall           | \$150.00           |  |  |  |  |
| Government Partnership Solutions  |                     | \$2,400.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Darryl Dailey                     |                     | \$350.00           |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Hand Arendall Harrison</b>     |                     | <b>\$7,739.50</b>  |  |  |  |  |
| VC3                               |                     | \$2,229.03         |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Smith Roofing</b>              |                     | <b>\$350.00</b>    |  |  |  |  |
| Milam & Co.                       |                     | \$213,517.82       |  |  |  |  |
| A Plus Portable Restrooms, Inc.   |                     | <b>\$265.00</b>    |  |  |  |  |
| United States Postal Service      |                     | \$130.00           |  |  |  |  |
| Xerox                             |                     | \$44.69            |  |  |  |  |
| Center Point Fire District        |                     | \$2,873.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Stark                             |                     | <b>\$198.00</b>    |  |  |  |  |
| Apex                              |                     | \$3,030.00         |  |  |  |  |
| Birmingham Southern College       | Turkey Creek TV     | \$1,505.83         |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Turkey Creek Manger | \$20,000.00        |  |  |  |  |
| Deputy Keith Smith                | Trade Days          | \$280.00           |  |  |  |  |

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| Deputy Jeff Mulkin              | Trade Days               | \$280.00                   |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy Jackson                   |                          | \$76.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Haddon Hopkins                  |                          | \$76.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Jeffery Robertson               |                          | \$76.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Findaway                        | Library                  | \$56.90                    |  |  |  |  |
| Ingram                          | Library                  | \$950.99                   |  |  |  |  |
| Demco                           | Library                  | \$136.18                   |  |  |  |  |
| Hoopla                          | Library                  | \$630.67                   |  |  |  |  |
| Amazon                          | Library                  | \$1,195.22                 |  |  |  |  |
| Kanopy                          | Library                  | \$48.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Dell Financial Services         | Library                  | \$102.15                   |  |  |  |  |
| Junior Library Guild            | Library                  | \$52.55                    |  |  |  |  |
| Jefferson County Library Coop   | Library                  | \$69.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Overdrive                       | Library                  | \$244.56                   |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | Library (State will reim | \$296.24                   |  |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile                        | Library                  | \$29.75                    |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | PYSC                     | \$143.08                   |  |  |  |  |
| Kellis Turfgrass Management     | PYSC                     | \$4,916.00                 |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | City Hall                | \$94.61                    |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | Rock School-             | \$932.96                   |  |  |  |  |
| Brighten-Up Electrical          | PYSC                     | <b>\$4,161.25</b>          |  |  |  |  |
| Struthers Recreation            | PYSC                     | \$241.45                   |  |  |  |  |
| Scott's Tire Outlet             | Public Works             | \$20.00                    |  |  |  |  |
| Mayer                           | Public Works             | \$1,404.40                 |  |  |  |  |
| Cintas                          | Public Works             | \$895.82                   |  |  |  |  |
| Verizon Connect                 | Public Works             | \$152.00                   |  |  |  |  |
| Argo Power                      | Public Works             | \$2,105.02                 |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama Power (7/2)             |                          | \$469.29                   |  |  |  |  |
| Eastern Tree Service (Misc. Rd) |                          | \$300.00                   |  |  |  |  |
| Verizon (Misc. Road)            |                          | \$277.50                   |  |  |  |  |
| Wex (Misc. Road)                |                          | \$2,568.63                 |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | Total:                   | <b><u>\$375,157.85</u></b> |  |  |  |  |
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