Council Minutes

August 17, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, August 17, 2023. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Kirkland 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

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts

Councilor Churchwell

Councilor Kirkland

Mayor Cochran

**Absent:**

Councilor Walker

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts read the Proclamation honoring Caleb White.

Mayor Cochran offered a motion to approve the Proclamation honoring the life of Caleb White. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the Proclamation with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Mayor Cochran will deliver the Proclamation to the family on Friday at the Funeral.

**Mayor Pro Tem Roberts suspended the rules.**

Captain Chris Horn, Chief of Center Point Fire District, gave the fire district report.

Chief Brandon Dahlen, Interim Fire Chief at Cener Point Fire District, spoke regarding his appointment as Interim Fire Chief.

**Mayor Pro Tem Roberts reinstated the rules.**

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from August 3, 2023. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $81,691.15. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills include the Jefferson County Sheriff Department in the amount of $35,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

**Annexations:** Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance to approve the annexation of 6015 and 6041 Evelyn Road into the city limits of Pinson. Councilor Kirland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect unanimous consent passes.”** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the main Ordinance with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirland- yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance 2023-14.”**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Irvin announced National Day Out will take place on September 19, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Pinson Bicentennial Park. Councilor Roberts mentioned City of Clay will be participating with the city by providing desserts.

Councilor Kirkland announced Trade Days will take place on September 2, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**New Business:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts opened a public hearing declaring a public nuisance relating to overgrown grass and weeds located at 4350 Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also opened a public hearing declaring a public nuisance relating to overgrown grass and weeds located at 6655 Goodwin Road. Seeing no one to speak for or against, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts closed the public hearing.

Councilor Kirkland offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance relating to overgrown grass and weeds located at 4350 Main Street. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the main Resolution with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirland- yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-14.”**

Councilor Kirkland offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance relating to overgrown grass and weeds located at 6655 Goodwin Road. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the main Resolution with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirland- yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-15.”**

Councilor Irvin offered a Resolution adopting Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts explained the purpose for this Resolution was to allow the City to access funds to fix the roads. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-16.”**

Councilor Kirland offered a Resolution concerning the Alabama Department of Transportation agreement. Councilor Kirkland explained the purpose of the agreement. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-17.”**

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to authorize paving certain roads in the Innsbrook subdivision beginning at Ashberry Drive to Hunters Point Subdivision, with the total cost to be split with the general contractor. Councilor Churchwell mentioned the city’s portion of the cost will be between $8,000.00 and $10,000.00. Mayor Cohran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Mayor Cochran offered a motion to assist with Pride of the Valley Band Camp by providing first responders and city staff assistance as well. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the “ayes” carry unanimously.”**

**Department Head Reports:** Allison Scanlan, Library Director, gave the library report. Allison Scanlan also gave the report of the Summer Reading Program.

Eric Winfrey, Public Works/Operations Director, gave the Public Works Report.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts opened the floor for public comment. Seeing none Mayor Pro Tem Roberts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner City Clerk