Council Minutes

July 20, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, July 20, 2023. 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts

Councilor Churchwell

Councilor Kirkland

Mayor Cochran

**Absent:**

Councilor Irvin

Councilor Walker

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from July 6, 2023. 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 the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

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

Ronnie Dixon gave the last year 2022 Annual Butterbean Festival Report. Ronnie Dixon also mentioned this year will the 18th Annual Butterbean Festival on October 6,2023, and October 7, 2023.

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

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Mayor Cochran offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $87,698.27. Councilor Kirkland duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills include Howard Solutions’ in the amount of $51,050 for city wide cameras. 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.”**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Kirkland announced Movies at the Rock will take place August 5, 2023, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Kirkland mentioned the movie will be Super Pets. Also, Back to School Supplies and snacks will be provided but limited.

Councilor Kirkland announced National Night Out on September 19, 2023, with the City of Clay at The Pinson Bicentennial Park at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to pay $750.00 for food. 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 the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Cochran discussed concerns regarding the Pinson Sports Complex. Mayor Cochran mentioned the possibility of resurfacing the football field and adding sidewalks that lead down to the bleachers, as well as looking into new irrigation.

Mayor Cochran asked permission from the Council to talk to Doctor Gonsoulin, Superintendent for Jefferson County Board of Education, regarding the possibility of resurfacing the tennis and pickleball court for the citizens to utilize. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts mentioned that the city has received grants from the city’s delegation in the amount of $70,000 for this project. Council members gave permission to Mayor Cochran to meet with Doctor Gonsoulin regarding the courts.

**New Business:** Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve supplements for the Pinson Valley High School basketball coach, Darrell Barber, and band director, Keith Brandenburg, in the amount of $5,000 each. Councilor Kirkland 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 Pro Tem Roberts asked if there were any department head reports.

Allison Scanlan, Pinson Public Library Director, gave the library report and updated council on the Summer Reading Program.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing none Mayor Pro Tem Roberts requested a motion to move to executive session. Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade and commerce. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts provided certification statement. 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 Pro Tem Roberts called the Council out of executive session.

Mayor Cochran offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Kirkland 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 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner City Clerk