Council Minutes

June 1, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Councilor Roberts led the invocation. Councilor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Cochran appointed Mayor Pro Tem Roberts to chair.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts appointed Heather Lind as Acting City Clerk.

**Roll Call:** Heather Lind, Acting 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

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from May 18, 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.

Chris Horn, with Center Point Fire District, gave the fire report. Chris Horn reported that all renovations at the new training facility have been put on hold due to going over budget. Chris Horn also mentioned that he got a quote for paving the remaining parking lot in the amount of $8,000.00. Mayor Cochran offered a motion to pay for the parking lot to be paved. 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 reinstated the rules.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $63,560.82. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills include the payment of the Sport Complex painting and updates. 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.”**

**Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts opened a public hearing regarding the rezoning at 6931 Highway 79, Pinson, AL. 35126. Seeing none, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts closed the public hearing.

Councilor Kirkland offered an Ordinance to change the zoning at 6931 Highway 79, Pinson, AL. 35126. Councilor Walker 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, Councilor Walker- 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, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran-yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance 23-10A.”**

**Enhancements:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts announced Trade Days will take place June 3, 2023.

Councilor Irvin announced Movies in the Park will take place June 9, 2023, and will begin at dusk. Councilor Irvin mentioned the movie will be Princess and the Frog.

Councilor Irvin announced the next shred event will take place June 17, 2023.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts suspended the rules.

Eric Winfrey, Operations Director, announced the first installation of the Pinson Public Library sign has taken place.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts announced the recycling service with Waste Management has resumed effective June 1, 2023. Mayor Cochran mentioned a credit has been requested for the month that the recycling was suspended.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts announced the Splash Pad at Bicentennial Park has reopened.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts reinstated the rules.

**New Business:** Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve the purchase of metal cladding at the Rock School Complex in the amount of $8,640.00. Councilor Churchwell 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 Resolution recommending appointing Natalie Roberts to the Library Board. Councilor Kirkland 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, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- abstained, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-10 with one abstention.”**

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts announced that Council will need to go into executive session. Attorney Shane Black certified the session for general reputation of character of individuals and pending a threat of litigation of controversy not yet being litigated but likely to be.

Mayor Cochran offered a motion to move into executive session at 7:29 p.m. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the motion with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously.”**

The executive session ended at 8:06 p.m.

Councilor Walker offered a Resolution concerning the pay for part-time employees. Councilor Churchwell 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, Councilor Walker- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Councilor Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “let the record reflect that passes as Resolution 23-11.”**

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

Luke Hyche, Miles Spring Rd., mentioned his interest in attending the Trade Days event.

Mayor Cochran took back as chair.

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

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lind, Acting City Clerk