Council Minutes

October 19, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, October 19, 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

Councilor Walker

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts

Councilor Churchwell

Councilor Kirkland

Mayor Cochran

**Absent:**

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from October 2, 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.”**

**Rules Suspended**

**Glenwood Fire District-** Chief Rocky Bell thanked the Council for their help with Turnout Gear. Lt. Frank Cornelius modeled the new Turnout Gear for the council. They appreciate all the support from the council.

**CenterPoint Fire District-** Congratulated Chief Dahlen for his promotion. Chief Horn promoted to Battalion Chief. Battalion Chief Horn informed everyone Mayor Henderson of CenterPoint house caught fire and his wife is in ICU. Battalion Chief Horn gave the Fire District Report.

**Rules Reinstated**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $44,356.94. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills include the payment for the dues to Alabama League of Municipalities in the amount of $4,000.00. The Alarm system at PHCC. 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:** ABBF report Councilor Roberts mentioned that it was great, crowd excellent, weather wonderful. Mayor Cochran mentioned that he attend 4hours on Friday night and Saturday. The crowd was about 40,000. Also, the Corndog on the stick was good. Councilor Churchwell mentioned that the firework show was excellent 2nd only best to Fire on the Mountain for the 4th of July in Birmingham. Councilor Irvin mentioned that the food was good the funnel cakes, and the chicken tender baskets.

Councilor Irvin mentioned that the Veteran’s Day Luncheon will take place on November 10, 2023, starting at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Three On A String will provide the entertainment. Councilor Irvin stated, Veterans should call City Hall to make a reservation. Mayor Cochran stated “We appreciate all of our Veterans”.

Councilor Irvin announced the Christmas parade will now take place on December 4, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Irvin announced the parade theme this year will be Candy Cane Christmas. Councilor Irvin mentioned that any suggestions for the Grand Marshal can be made by calling City Hall directly. Applications for parade floats will be on the City of Pinson website and there will be no throwing candy from the floats. There will also be a float competition this year.

**Old Business:** Mayor Pro Tem Roberts mentioned that the Board of Zoning Adjustments has a seat available. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also mentioned that the seat must be filled by a resident of Pinson. Anyone interested can reach out to Pinson City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also mentioned there was an opening to join the Library Board and to reach out to Pinson City Hall.

**New Business:** Councilor Walker offered a motion to turn the City Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness on October 26,2023 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.”**

Councilor Walker offered a motion for the purchase of Jefferson County 911 Center 2012 Ford Expedition Truck for $8000.00 it comes fully equipped with sirens, lights, and radios. 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.”**

Allison Scanlan Library Director mentioned the Boo Bash on October 27,2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Rock School & Library. There will be food trucks and other local organizations that will be helping with Boo Bash.

Mayor Pro Tem Roberts mentioned Pride of the Valley Band Competition that took place a couple of weeks ago. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts thanked the Public Works Staff for helping out. There were about 30 bands that participated this year. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts also mentioned Pinson Valley Football Team will be on the road playing @ Shades Valley High School this Friday.

Eric Winfrey, Operations Director, announced the City of Pinson received the Skid Steer that was ordered last year and other Public Works equipment that included trailer, rotary cutter, mulcher, forks, tooth bucket, construction grappler bucket.

**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 Walker offered a motion to adjourn. 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 and we are adjourned.”**

Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner City Clerk