Council Minutes

October 2, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Monday, October 2, 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

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from September 21, 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 $43,466.47. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills include the payment to the contractors in the amount of $10,000.00. 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.”**

**Enhancements:** Councilor Kirkland mentioned that Alabama Butter Bean Festival will take place on October 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. through October 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Councilor Roberts mentioned that the firework show will take place Friday night of the Butter Bean Festival.

Councilor Kirkland 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 Kirkland stated, Veterans should call City Hall to make a reservation.

Councilor Irvin offered a motion to change the date of the Christmas parade from December 5, 2023, to December 4, 2023. Mayor Cochran duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all oppose say ‘no’. **Mayor Pro Tem Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

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 messaging City Hall on Facebook or calling City Hall directly. Applications for parade floats will be open on the City of Pinson website on October 9, 2023.

**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.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to begin action for receiving bids concerning the Rock School auditorium renovations. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Roberts called for a roll call vote on the motion 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 the motion passes unanimously.”**

**New Business:** Mayor Cochran offered an Ordinance regarding the renewal of line of credit available to the City for emergency situations, and has to be reset every two years. Coucilor Kirkland 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 Robets, “let the record reflect unanimous consent to consider 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 Kirkland- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Pro Tem Robets, “Let the record reflect that passes as Ordinance 2023-17.”**

Eric Winfrey, Operations Director, announced the City of Pinson was awarded a $100,000.00 grant by the State of Alabama, for wi-fi throughout the city.

**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 Kirkland 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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner City Clerk