

Council Minutes
January 6, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Councilor Churchwell led the invocation. Councilor Tanner 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 council members present:

Councilor Tanner
Councilor Walker
Councilor Roberts
Councilor Churchwell
Mayor Cochran

Absent: Councilor Kirkland

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to waive the reading of and accept the minutes as written from December 14. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say "no". **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect the ayes carry."**

Mayor Cochran introduced Congressman Gary Palmer.

Congressman Palmer gave a congressional report.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow anyone in the audience to ask the congressman any questions they may have. One question was asked. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$93,610.58 a copy of the bills schedule is attached. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked about highlights on the bills. Councilor Tanner mentioned Martin Engineering for the flood study for 15,750., Brighten Up Electrical for \$5,223.00 for work done at the Rock School, and Borland Benefield \$16,785.00 for the excellent city audit. Mayor Cochran explained details of Brighten Up Electricals’ work at the Rock School. Mayor Cochran called for any further questions. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran stated there is no further discussion and called for all in favor to say “aye” all opposed to say "no". **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect the ayes carry."**

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner gave a report on the Pinson Christmas parade, stating that it went really well. Councilor Tanner thanked volunteers, city workers, and judges, mentioning that Lori Glover and Matt Marsh did an excellent job commentating on the parade’s online video. that the parade winners would be presented their awards at the next council meeting; first place

went to First Baptist Pinson, second was Bradford Sanctuary of Praise, and third was Pinson 8U Football.

Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing ordering the demolition at 7370 Hwy 75. Stan Gillard, lien holder of the property at 7370 Hwy 75 spoke about the situation Adam Howell, contractor, stated that it was his intention to complete by the end of January. Councilor Churchwell stated that they should give more time. Councilor Roberts asked if that meant until the first of February. Mayor Cochran said that it would be continued at the meeting, Thursday February 3rd. **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing**

Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing regarding ordering the demolition of a building and the abatement of litter/junk nuisance at 5237 Dewey Heights Road. Kathern Miller Farr and of 5509 Magnolia Trace, Hoover AL, 35214 spoke about the property, stating that her brother died on December 15th and they only learned about the property last week, stating their intent to clear the property, and that it has been inherited by three siblings. Mayor Cochran asked if they are asking for a continuance and if so what would be the time frame. Arnold Farr (Husband of Mrs. Farr) offered some clarification about the situation and asked for thirty days to make plans for cleaning and then report. Councilor Roberts asked for clarifications about the estate. Mayor Cochran continued the public hearing for thirty days to report on February 3rd. **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing ordering the demolition of a building/structure and the abatement of litter/junk nuisance located at 5233 Dewey Heights Rd. As there was no one present to speak for or against, Mayor Cochran closed the public hearing. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones to speak to the issue, speaking about the fact that there is no apparent owner.

Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing regarding 6020 Elm Avenue. Director Jones stated that he not been able to contact the owner. As there was no one present to speak for or against, **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

Mayor Cochran opened a public hearing regarding the abatement of trash at 6264 Cole Avenue. Jessica Wright of 6264 Cole Avenue, tenant, stated that they had obtained a dumpster for 14 days and plan to clean. Bob Jones stated that the council could move forward with the Resolution but the abatement could wait for two weeks and he could report at the next meeting. Mayor Cochran stated that they would take action later in the meeting. **Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cochran announced Bob Jones' retirement, stating that the zoning administrator would be moving to part time in May. The mayor went on to announce that Chris Sharit will begin March 7 to replace Bob in Planning and Zoning and Public Safety at a recommended salary of \$45,000 per year.

Mayor Cochran went on to say that Hal Ferris will be full time January 11 at a recommended pay rate of \$35.00 hour.

Old Business: Councilor Walker offered an ordinance amending Pinson Zoning to add provision to Main Street as a historic district signage. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran spoke to the issue. Mayor Cochran suspended rules to allow Bob Jones to speak to the issue. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules. Mayor Cochran called for any questions or comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for unanimous consent to consider the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect unanimous consent passes’. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-01.’**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to buy four bleachers for Pinson Youth Sport Complex for a total of \$16,000. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained that this will be for football and the previously purchased bleachers would be moved to baseball. Mayor Cochran called any further discussion. Seeing none, the mayor called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve payment for PVHS helmet reconditioning at \$10,573.17. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran explained that this was out of the Council’s Education discretionary fund, then called for any discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously’.**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion moving Hal Ferris to full time effective Jan 11, 2022 \$35.00/Hr. and Chris Sharit as a zoning enforcement official on March 7th at \$45,000 per year. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran, let the record reflect the ayes carry unanimously.’**

New Business: Councilor Tanner offered a Resolution regarding 5233 Dewey Heights Road. Councilor Walker duly seconded a motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-03.**

Councilor Walker offered a Resolution regarding the demolition of a building and abatement of litter and nuisance 6020 Elm Ave. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes,

Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-04’.**

Councilor Roberts offered a resolution regarding ordering the abatement of litter, junk and nuisance 6264 Cole Ave. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. After a brief discussion, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the Resolution with the following results: Councilor Tanner – yes, Councilor Walker – yes, Councilor Roberts – yes, Councilor Churchwell – yes, Mayor Cochran – yes. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-05.’**

Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Bob Jones asked for clarification. Mayor Cochran agreed for him to monitor it for one week and report back. Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Councilor Roberts offered a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a catastrophic debris removal MOU with Jefferson County. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Councilor Roberts explained the situation. Mayor Cochran called for any further discussion. Mayor Cochran clarified that MOU stands for Memorandum of Understanding. Councilor Roberts and Mayor Cochran offered further clarification. Mayor Cochran called for any further questions or comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say no. **Mayor Cochran ‘let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-06’.**

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to accept a quote from Argo Equipment for the Public Works Department mower in the amount of \$34,604.00. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’, all opposed to say ‘no’. Mayor Cochran, ‘let the record reflect that passed unanimously.’

Mayor Cochran spoke about the ARPF final revenue loss revenue calculations. Councilor Roberts asked for further clarifications.

Public Comment: Mayor Cochran called for Public Comment. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran wished everyone a Happy New Year and spoke about the updates to PYSC.

Mayor Cochran called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say ‘aye’ all opposed to say ‘no’.

Mayor Cochran, **‘let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry; we are hereby adjourned’.**

Adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 1-6-2022						
Alabama Power	PHCC-	\$107.34				
	PYSC-	\$99.57				
	Temp	\$28.41				
	Innsbrooke	\$74.74				
	Box Cam	\$2,166.71				
Birmingham Water	City Hall-	\$100.20				
	Rock School-	\$907.86				
	Triangle Park-	\$27.66				
	Powell Ave.-	\$39.30				
	PHCC-	\$231.31				
	PYSC-	\$277.67				
	Bradford-	\$27.66				
	Bicentennial-	\$420.87				
	Innsbrook-	\$27.66				
Martin Engineering		\$15,750.00				
Center Point Fire District		\$2,873.00				
VC3		\$3,444.64				
Pitney Bowes		\$368.97				
Rosewood Office Furniture		\$1,462.15				
American Promo		\$224.80				
AT&T-		\$2,336.83				
AT&T-Firstnet		\$577.80				
Charter Communications		\$572.92				
Brighten-Up Electrical		\$12,223.00				
Ascap		\$390.96				
Stark Exterminators		\$222.00				
Showstoppers Promotions		\$250.00				
Best Insurance Group		\$328.00				
O'Reilly		\$946.21				
David Stewart		\$3,696.88				
Borland Benefield		\$16,785.00				
Tyler Technologies		\$105.00				
Darryl Dailey		\$350.00				
Xerox		\$44.49				
Golf Carts Unlimited		\$1,888.95				
Hoopla by Midwest Tape	Library	\$819.10				
Midwest Tape	Library	\$100.45				
Dell	Library	\$102.15				
Ameritek	Library	\$382.66				
T-Mobile	Library	\$1,206.98				
Kanopy	Library	\$34.00				
Jefferson County Library Coop	Library	\$5,498.56				
Ingram Library Services	Library	\$818.17				
Demco	Library	\$418.88				
Amazon	Library	\$1,337.45				
Book Farm	Library	\$1,092.23				
Library Ideas	Library	\$698.44				
Findaway	Library	\$589.96				
BSN Sports-	PYSC	\$4,748.89				
Cierra Dunbarr	PYSC	\$131.94				
Kellis Turf Management	PYSC	\$2,591.00				
Metro Trailer	PYSC	\$20.00				
Mayer	Public Works	\$91.96				
Cintas	Public Works	\$264.78				
Scott's Tire	Public Works	\$20.00				
Wex (Misc. Road)	Public Works	\$1,919.18				
Argo Power Equipment	Public Works	\$679.30				
Alabama Power- (7/2)		\$388.28				
Verizon (Misc. Road)		\$277.66				
	Total:	\$93,610.58				

Account Balances @ 11/30/2021:
Regions General Fund \$1,710,385.89
Regions MM Capital Fund \$76,949.78
Hometown Library Fund \$5,171.55
Hometown 4-6-5 \$314,295.94
Hometown 7-2 \$29,194.10
Hometown Misc. Road \$7,168.32
Hometown 10 cent tax \$28,342.60
Hometown Saving Acct \$579,232.65
(Hometown Savings Account as of 8/31)