

Council Minutes  
September 15, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday September 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. 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 council members present:

Councilor Irvin  
Councilor Walker  
Councilor Roberts  
Councilor Churchwell  
Mayor Cochran

**Absent:**

Councilor Kirkland

**Minutes:** Councilor Walker offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from September 1, 2022. Councilor Irvin 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 unanimously."**

**Committee Chair Reports:**

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$83,366.69. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Highlights on the bills included \$34,000 for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. 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."**

**Enhancements:** Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the Veterans Day luncheon. Mayor Cochran mentioned that in past years, due to Covid, the luncheon was a drive thru, but asked for opinions on whether the luncheon should be moved back to the tradition luncheon or be kept a drive thru. All council members said they would like to move back to the traditional luncheon, which will be on Friday, November 11, 2022.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding the Christmas Parade. Councilor Irvin announced that the Christmas Parade will take place Thursday, December 1, 2022, and the registration deadline is November 25, 2022. The theme for the parade will be ugly Christmas sweaters. Councilor Irvin said that she will have more updates and information at next council meeting.

**Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Cochran opened the Public Hearing for overgrown grass and weeds for 4109 Powell Avenue and 4350 Main Street. As there was no one present to speak for or against, Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance related to overgrown grass and weeds at 4109 Powell Avenue. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Councilor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-30.”**

Councilor Roberts offered a Resolution declaring a public nuisance related to overgrown grass and weeds at 4350 Main Street. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Councilor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Resolution 22-31.”**

**Old Business:** Mayor Cochran spoke on the bid for PA Equipment, with the only bid by Sweet Water in the amount of \$20,763.97. Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve the purchase of the PA Equipment. Councilor Irvin 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 unanimously.”**

Mayor Cochran asked for opinions regarding the changing of the street names for Bicentennial Park as well as adding a street name for the Pinson Sport Complex. Mayor Cochran suggested naming the street Indian Way for the sports complex. Councilor Churchwell added to the discussion in saying that he liked the idea of making Bicentennial Drive the street name for the Bicentennial Park. Councilor Irvin suggested Indian Park for the street name at the sports complex.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Cochran announced that Pride of the Valley will be taking place on September 24th. Mayor Cochran explained that this is a fundraiser put on by the band boosters, allowing the band to participate in other festivals.

Mayor Cochran announced the upcoming Alabama Butter Bean Festival will take place on September 30th and October 1st.

Mayor Cochran suspended rules.

Ronnie Dixon, the Executive Director of the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce, mentioned that this will be the 17th year for this event. Ronnie Dixon also mentioned that there were thirty more booths than last year, making it bigger than the pre-pandemic years. Ronnie Dixon said that the fireworks will start around 9:15 to 9:30, allowing time for the football game to finish and letting people come and watch the show. Ronnie Dixon thanked Chris Sharit, Director of Public

Safety, for taking care of law enforcement, and expressed his appreciation to Eric Winfrey, Director of Public Works, and to the Public Works Department for everything they do during the festival. Ronnie Dixon also mentioned that the Chamber took over the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center and had the first events at the facility. During the event Pinson Valley Football Team raised \$2,000 and the Theatre Department raised \$1,000, which have been deposited into both accounts.

Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

**New Business:** Councilor Churchwell offered an Ordinance concerning the short-term rental of the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran said that unanimous consent was needed to consider. Marie Turner, City Clerk, conducted a roll call vote to consider, with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Councilor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Cochran “unanimous consent passes.”** Mayor Cochran asked for any questions or comments concerning the ordinance. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for a roll call vote on the main ordinance with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Councilor Roberts- yes, Councilor Churchwell- yes, Mayor Cochran- yes. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect that passes unanimously as Ordinance 2022-20.”**

Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve the purchase of Kenwood radios for Public Safety. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Councilor Roberts mentioned that the cost of the radios are \$20,038.52. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor to say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Mayor Cochran suspended rules.

Christ Sharit announced that Glenn Wood Fire Department will be having an Open House on October 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve access control at Palmerdale Homestead Community Center for a total of \$5,541.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor to say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the request for a Portable Mound for the Rudd Middle School Baseball team in the amount of \$1,829.00. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran noted that this money will come out of the city’s Discretionary Funds for the current fiscal year. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Cochran, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously.”**

Mayor Cochran provided council with a conceptual drawing for a new roof at the Rock School Center to look over. Mayor Cochran mentioned that this is not ready to go out for bid but will give council the tool to go out for bid in the future.

Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the purchase of 4 tripod 600 w LED Balloon Lights in the amount of \$11,100.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Councilor Roberts added that these are for the Public Safety Department. Councilor Roberts also mentioned that these lights are portable and easy to install. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor to say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. **Mayor Cochran, "let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously."**

Councilor Churchwell offered a motion to approve the funding for Clastran in the amount of \$500.00. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran pointed out that Clastran is an organization that helps with the transportation of some of the elderly in the community. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. **Mayor Cochran, "let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously."**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve the purchase and installation of Christmas lights, using the company Lights of Christmas, for enhancements at the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center in the amount of \$2,429.92 for the first year. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor to say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. **Mayor Cochran, "let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously."**

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve the purchase of fencing, using O Jay Fence Co., for the Public Works storage yard in the amount of \$48,209.00. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Councilor Roberts pointed out that this included screening. Mayor Cochran added that the fence will also be commercial grade and will be 8 feet tall. Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. **Mayor Cochran, "let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously."**

**Public Comments:** Allison Scanlan, Library Director, gave the library report.

Mayor Cochran asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to adjourn. Councilor Churchwell duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Cochran asked for all in favor to say 'aye' all opposed to say no'. **Mayor Cochran, "let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry, and we are adjourned."**

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk

Bills: 9-15-2022

**Regions** **\$15,871.33**

Birmingham Water Works

PYSC-	\$163.07
<b>Powell Ave</b>	<b>\$72.68</b>
<b>Community Center</b>	<b>\$67.22</b>

Trussville Gas and Water

Library	\$24.48
Powell Ave	\$9.86
City Hall	\$68.38
Community Center	\$20.80
Bicentennial	\$8.27
Rock School	\$20.80

Oneonta Utilities Board

PHCC	\$7.76
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AT&T Firstnet

\$18.77

Spectrum

\$119.61

Stark Exterminators

Rock School	\$180.00
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Prestige Monitoring

Library	\$270.00
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Latta Plumbing

Library	\$157.00
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American Promo

Centennial Celebration	\$4,301.00
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Best Insurance Group

\$258.86

Greater Birmingham Humane Society

\$801.89

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

\$34,000.00

Precision Graphics

\$864.00

O'Reilly First Call

\$1,419.59

VC3

\$590.07

Eastern Tree

\$2,000.00

Tyler Technologies

\$4,234.00

Junior Library Guild

Library	\$135.00
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Book Farm LLC

Library	\$173.14
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Penworthy

Library	\$1,657.37
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Overdrive

Library	\$773.08
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Kanopy

Library	\$49.00
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Hoopla

Library	\$782.38
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Ameritek

Library	\$200.10
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Dell Financial Services

Library	\$302.19
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Demco

Library	\$479.10
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Jefferson County Library Cooperative

\$3,052.33

Airgas

Public Works	\$40.45
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Argo Power Equipment

Public Works	\$5,144.13
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Cintas

Public Works	\$1,220.10
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Uline

Public Works	\$2,109.16
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A Plus Portable Restrooms

Public Works	\$265.00
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Alabama Power- (7/2)

\$1,282.72

Verizon Connect (Misc. Rd)

\$152.00

Total:

\$83,366.69

Account Balances @8/31/22:

Regions Gen. Fund \$1,813,566.83

Regions MM Cap. Fund \$144,889.04

Hometown Library Fund \$ 6,972.66

Hometown 4-5-6 \$362,688.71

Hometown 7-2 \$75,644.00

Hometown Misc. Road \$30,221.72

Hometown 10 cent tax \$87,195.55

Hometown Saving Acct \$ 563,743.81