

Council Minutes
April 21, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Councilor Roberts 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
Councilor Kirkland
Mayor Cochran

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the April 7th meeting as amended in precouncil. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran called for any additional comments. Seeing none, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say "aye" all opposed to say no. **Mayor 'let the record reflect that passes unanimously'.**

Fire District Reports: Captain Chris Horn of the Center Point Fire District gave the Fire District report, mention the memorial service for Fire Fighter Ricky Davis and Chief Coleman's retirement after forty-three years. Mayor Cochran mentioned that Chief Coleman has been a good friend to the City of Pinson and wished him the best on behalf of the city.

Committee Chair Reports:

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,776.94. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Cochran mentioned that it was a small bill schedule and mentioned that we would be paying \$2500.00 to Campbell's Paving. Seeing no further discussion, Mayor Cochran called for all in favor to say 'aye' all opposed to say "no". **Mayor Cochran "Let the record reflect we shall pay the bills unanimously."**

Enhancements: Councilor Tanner announced that the first movie in the park will be held on May 27th and held every other Friday, and announced the movies in order as Sing 2, Encanto, Peter Rabbit 2, Trolls, The Mitchells Vs. the Machines, and Jungle Cruise. Councilor Tanner went on to announce that food and drinks will be provided by Pinson First Baptist Church the first week.

Councilor Tanner gave an update about CityFest which will happen May 7th, which will include areas for kids, food trucks, crafts, and a Farmer's Market area, going on to say that the Splash Pad will also be open.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cochran suspended rules. Library Board Members Mary Steward of Dewey Heights Road and Sylvia McClain 5781 Princess Blvd. spoke about having a library monument sign and the directional signs in the parking lot. Mayor Cochran and Councilor Roberts discussed some preliminary details about the sign.

Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.

Mayor Cochran stated there is a need for a garage for Public Works Department, mentioning that a large commercial grade garage is needed at an approximate cost of \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Mayor Cochran opened a discussion regarding an MOU to Jefferson County for radios for Public Safety and Public Works. **Mayor Cochran suspended rules.** Bob Jones, Director of Public Works, spoke regarding the radios. **Mayor Cochran reinstated rules.** Mayor Cochran mentioned that they would purchase radios at \$2800-3000 per radio probably in the next month or so.

Mayor Cochran spoke about Pinson's Got Talent, the PVHS Tri Am Music Honors Society at Pinson Valley High School Auditorium, Saturday May 14th at 7 PM for five-dollar admission with 3 years old and under free, adding that you can email Mrs. Sarah Timothy at stimothy@jeffcoed.com to audition.

Eric Winfrey, Director of Pinson Public Works, gave a photo presentation of the renovations at the Splash Pad, the Pinson Youth Sports Complex, and the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center.

Old Business:

Councilor Roberts offered a motion to approve a quote from Plumb One in the amount of \$11,880.00 to remove and replace sinks and faucets at the Rock School restrooms. Councilor Tanner duly seconded the 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, Councilor Kirkland – yes. Mayor Cochran-yes. Mayor Cochran, 'let the record show that passed unanimously'.

New Business: Councilor Kirkland offered a motion for the approve the proposal of Campbells' Paving to pave the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center at \$25,000 for labor and \$25,800 for materials. Councilor Roberts duly seconded the motion. Seeing no further 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 Churchwell offered a motion to approve a quote for Presnet Communicator and Fire Alarm Monitoring with inspection at Palmerdale Homestead Community Center, in the amount of \$1807.00 and a monitoring fee of \$90.00 per month. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Seeing no further 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.

Mayor Cochran stated that he had received a resignation letter from Councilor Tanner this meeting. Councilor Tanner spoke and thanked the mayor and council, the former mayor and council, and thanked the people of Pinson for everything they have done for her. Councilor Tanner went on to thank her family for sharing her with the city.

Mayor Cochran said there would be a retirement celebration at the May 5th meeting.

Councilor Churchwell spoke about how it has been a pleasure to work with Dawn and all the rest of the council members and applauded the job she has done over the years.

Marie Turner, City Clerk, stated she would miss Councilor Tanner and working with her, as well as going to assorted training opportunities with her, and her dedication to the city and citizens. Mrs. Turner mentioned that Councilor Tanner put her whole heart into the city and citizens and has helped improve the city and that she will definitely be missed.

Mayor Cochran mentioned that he would like to place the new council member at the next meeting so that a councilor can attend the upcoming training. The mayor went on to say that anyone who lives in the corporate city limit is interested in the position can email a resume to the City Clerk, the mayor, or any of the city council members.

Councilor Roberts thanked Dawn for all that she has done and that it has been a pleasure and an honor to work with her.

Councilor Kirkland thanked Councilor Tanner for all her work and help with city enhancements.

Councilor Walker mentioned that he has known Dawn for a long time, and she has always been a help and willing to do what was needed for the City.

Councilor Tanner made announcements about the free wellness classes at the Rock School, which include Pilates on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Zumba on Wednesday and Thursdays, and H.I.T.T. Fitness on Tuesday, all at 6:00 PM, except Pilates occurs on Saturdays at 10.

Councilor Tanner mentioned that Pinson girls' soccer won area.

Councilor Tanner mentioned winners of the PTA Reflection and PTA Diversity Writing Contests.

Public Comment: Mayor Cochran opened up the floor for public comment.

Wayne Hyche 5900 Block, Miles Spring Road, thanked the mayor and councilor for the work at the Palmerdale Homestead Community Center and that will make it a lot better for a lot of people. Mr. Hyche spoke about the need for an expanded restroom for the disabled at the PHCC.

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 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Turner, City Clerk