

Council Minutes  
August 7, 2025  
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, August 7, 2025, Councilor Sanders 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 members present:

Councilor Irvin  
Councilor Walker  
Councilor Sanders  
Councilor Churchwell  
Councilor Kirkland  
Mayor Roberts

**Minutes:** Councilor Kirkland offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from July 17, 2025. Councilor Sanders duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

**Special Guests:** Dr. Gonsoulin, Superintendent Jefferson County Board of Education, Gave a report on being named National Superintendent of the year. Dr. Gonsoulin spoke on the 20025-2026 School Year and the State Report Card for each of the Pinson Schools. Dr. Gonsoulin introduced the Principals and Assistant Principals of each school.

Coach Thompson, PVHS Head Football Coach, announced Meet the Indians, 6:00 p.m., Friday August 8, 2025.

**Finance:** Councilor Irvin offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$55,752.67. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

**Annexation:** Councilor Churchwell offered a ordinance to annex 4657; 4661; 4665 Elfreth Johnson Road into the incorporated city limits of Pinson. Councilor Sanders duly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was noted that these properties are unoccupied, and this annexation will have no impact on the upcoming election. Mayor Roberts called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Irvin-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Sanders-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Roberts-yes. Mayor Roberts, “unanimous consent passes”. Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Sanders-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Roberts-yes. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect ordinance passes as Ordinance 2025-13 unanimously”.**

**Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Roberts opened a Public Hearing regarding abatement 3144 Cobblestone Drive. Mayor Roberts stated there is no one present to speak for or against the abatement. Mayor Roberts closed the hearing.

Mayor Roberts asked Chris Sharit, Zoning Official, to speak on this property.

Councilor Kirkland offered a resolution regarding abatement at 3144 Cobblestone Drive. Councilor Sanders duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Sanders-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor Kirkland-yes; Mayor Roberts-yes. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the resolution passes unanimously as, Resolution 25-17”.**

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Roberts spoke regarding council meeting streaming and citizens comments during a council meeting. Attorney Black spoke to the city’s options regarding the law.

Mayor Roberts suspended rules to allow representatives from Waste Management, (WM), to speak regarding garbage service.

Mike Mitchell, WM Public Sector Representative, spoke to address several issues in the Pinson area. Citizens were allowed to ask a few questions.

Mayor Roberts reinstated rules.

Mayor Roberts announced the Rock School Reunion will be held August 9, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Old Business:** Councilor Walker offered a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

**New Business:** Councilor Sanders offered a Proclamation recognizing Willie Adams. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Sanders-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor Kirkland-yes; Mayor Roberts-yes. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously”.**

Councilor Walker offered a resolution to appoint Election Officials for the 2025 Municipal Election cycle. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the resolution passes as Resolution 25-18 unanimously”.**

Councilor Walker offered a resolution setting compensation for Election Officials for the 2025 Municipal Election cycle. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the resolution passes as Resolution 25-19 unanimously”.**

### **Department Head Reports:**

Allison Scanlan, Library Director, presented Shelby “Dove” Leach the Teen Advisory Board Champion award. Ms. Leach accepted the award and spoke to those in attendance.

Allison Scanlan stated the Library had received a \$15,000.00 Grant from State Representative Shay Shelnett for Automatic Doors on the outside of the library.

### **Public Comment:**

Hoyt Sanders, 6464 Hillview Street, called on his fellow candidates to encourage them to not set up tents at the Rock School on election day, adding this tends to overcome the voters trying to vote.

Wanda Smith, 6129 Fairfax Lane, had a question regarding her HOA using the Community Center for HOA meetings.

James Vining, 6803 Martin Drive, Clay, gave suggestions for the next garbage contract specifically adding a clause for help with the older community’s garbage cans, etc.

Caitlin Leonard, PVHS Cheerleader Coach, asked for \$5,000.00 to help the Cheerleaders with their cheer room.

Tracie Thompson, 6408 Sunrise Drive, gave information she had received from Recycle Birmingham regarding Pinson’s recycling service.

Councilor Sanders offered a motion to enter executive session to discuss real estate. Councilor Irvin duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Irvin- yes, Councilor Walker- yes, Councilor Sanders-yes; Councilor Churchwell-yes; Councilor Kirkland-yes, Mayor Roberts- yes. Mayor Roberts, “Let the record reflect the motion passed unanimously”. Mayor Roberts stated we will reconvene only for adjournment.

Councilor Sanders offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Roberts called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Roberts, “let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry, and we are adjourned”.**

Adjourned at 10:09 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Turner, City Clerk