

Council Minutes
January 8, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Councilor Sanders led the invocation. Councilor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Heather Lind, Acting Clerk, called Roll of Pinson City Council with the following members present:

Councilor Thompson
Councilor Walker
Councilor Tanner
Councilor Sims
Councilor Holt
Mayor Sanders

Minutes: Councilor Holt offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from December 18, 2025. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Sanders, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

Mayor Sanders suspended the rules. Special recognition was given to the Christmas parade winners. Attorney Shane Black presented checks. There was a tie for first place between Pinson Methodist Church and Pillar Chiropractic. Second place winner Elite Drain was presented with a check from the Clay/Pinson Chamber of Commerce representative Ronnie Dixon. Mr. Dixon gave a brief Chamber update. Mayor Sanders stated there have been so many positive comments on the mural. He stated that we would have the contracts for the Chamber and ABBF at the next meeting or two.

Mayor Sander reinstated the rules.

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$52, 188.73. Councilor Sims duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Sanders, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Sanders stated we have a dangerous structure at 7306 Highway 75. Public Safety Director Chris Sharit spoke on the pictures at the property.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to refer this to the Zoning Board and then to Attorney Black. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for all in favor say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘no’. **Mayor Sanders, “Let the record reflect the ‘ayes’ carry unanimously”.**

Public Safety: Director Chris Sharit then gave the zoning update report. There were 121 complaints of violations. 106 of those were actual violations and 22 required action. There were

16 zoning cases with a total of 29 parcels that were rezoned. There were 145 assessments and 51 background checks. There were over 2500 hours of security for parks, schools, and city events.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sanders gave an update on continuing to search for a bucket truck.

Mayor Sanders stated that garbage bids would be opening tomorrow at 3:00 and hopes to have an action at the next meeting.

Mayor Sanders reminded the public that there is a severe weather alert for Friday at midnight. He reminded everyone that the office would be closed for the MLK holiday.

Mayor Sanders gave an update on the search for a bucket truck. He is still looking for one and hopes to have something to consider in January.

Old Business: None

New Business: Councilor Tanner offered a resolution concerning a lease at 4182 Powell Avenue. Councilor Sims duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. **Mayor Sanders "Let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously as Resolution 26-01"**.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion appointing Mayor Sanders as the Clay/Pinson Chamber liaison. Councilor Holt duly seconded the motion. Councilor Tanner stated that the website needed to be updated. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-abstain. **Motion passes.**

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to purchase flags for USA 250 in the amount of \$12,000.00. Councilor Holt duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated this would be for promoting and help commemorate our independence. Mayor Sanders called for all in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. **Mayor Sanders, "Let the record reflect the 'ayes' carry unanimously"**.

Councilor Walker offered a resolution concerning SSUT Challenge. Councilor Thompson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders explained that this was sent for support from Commissioner Knight and it would be catastrophic if we do not do it. Attorney Black explained the same. Councilor Walker stated that prior to 2017, many would not have had the money. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. **Mayor Sanders "Let the record reflect the motion passes unanimously as Resolution 26-02"**.

Councilor Sims offered a Proclamation concerning Human Trafficking Awareness. Councilor Holt duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders stated that the month of January was to bring attention to the matter. Mayor Sanders called for a roll call vote with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Councilor Tanner talked about events for the month of July and ideas she has been considering for City Fest and Alabama 250. Mayor Sanders stated that July would be busy with state and national events.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Hancock with the Palmerdale Fire District talked about the upcoming severe weather and that storm shelters would be open. He gave an update of a large fire they assisted Blount County with. He gave an update on calls for the year. He stated that storm shelter information is always on the website and Facebook page. He said they may need some signage so they can be seen better.

Sgt. Kevin Austin gave the report for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office calls for service.

Councilor Tanner mentioned that January 19th would be the PVHS Track and Field main event at CrossPlex and gave well wishes.

Mayor Sanders reminded of the next council meeting being January 22nd.

Public Comment: None

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

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lind, Acting Clerk