

Council Minutes
March 20, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, March 20, 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
Mayor Sanders

Councilor Holt was absent.

Minutes: Councilor Walker offered a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from March 5, 2025. 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 unanimously”.**

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$91,080.59. 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’s Report: Mayor Sanders gave an update on the NLC Conference in Washington D.C. that he attended with the council and City Clerk. Counselors Thompson and Walker both commended the conference as well. The group had a good meeting with Representative Gary Palmer.

Old Business: Parks and Recreation Director Taurus Pyles stated there was a great turnout for the monthly senior event with 48 participants and she gave the youth sports report. She highlighted the basketball season and acknowledged the 10U and 12U teams for wins in the league. She recognized players, coaches, staff, and local businesses for support.

New Business: Councilor Tanner spoke about City Fest/America 250. Mayor Sanders reminded everyone of the Shred Day and Clean Up Day. Councilor Tanner offered a motion concerning sidewalk modification for Bicentennial Park in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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 unanimously”.**

Councilor Sims offered an Ordinance to annex 5540 Foti Lane. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes;

Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. 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 as Ordinance 26-07.**

Councilor Sims offered an Ordinance to annex 6868 Highway 75. Councilor Thompson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. 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 as Ordinance 26-08.**

Councilor Sims offered an Ordinance to annex 6902/6896 Highway 75. Councilor Thompson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. 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 as Ordinance 26-09.**

Councilor Sims offered an Ordinance to annex 5529 Katix Lane. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. 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 as Ordinance 26-10.**

Councilor Sims offered an Ordinance concerning the 2026 Sales Tax Holiday. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for unanimous consent to consider with the following results: Councilor Thompson-yes; Councilor Walker-yes; Councilor Tanner-yes; Councilor Sims-yes; Councilor Holt-yes; Mayor Sanders-yes. 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 as Ordinance 26-11.**

Mayor Sanders opened a discussion concerning the Butterbean Festival. He stated that the Clay/Pinson Chamber announced ending the festival while he and staff were in DC. He has a history of the festival and said that the City of Pinson has provided electricity and contributed financially. He stated the city has always been a vital partner. He expressed the council's will to continue with a festival.

Councilor Tanner offered a motion to continue a street festival and authorize the Mayor to explore options. Councilor Walker 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. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Mayor Sanders called a special meeting for Thursday, March 26, 2026 to discuss his report and findings. Notice of this meeting was posted.

Department Head Reports:

Palmerdale Fire Board President Mary Kay Graham stated that beginning April 1st, fire personnel will be a part of RSA and thanked everyone for the support.

Councilor Tanner spoke on the meeting with Representative Palmer and was happy to see all the fire chiefs from Alabama there as well. She thanked vendors who had reached out to her about the Butterbean Festival. She said “shame on the chamber for stabbing Pinson in the back after asking to see their books. Councilor Walker asked for ideas to be brought to them and Mayor Sanders would like to turn the page and move on.

Public Comment: James Vining welcomed everyone home and stated it’s time to fight for what the residents want.

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 7:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lind, Acting Clerk