Council Minutes
September 17, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Pinson City Council met in regular session at Pinson City Hall at 4410 Main Street, Pinson, on Thursday, September 17, 2026. Councilor Sanders led the invocation. Councilor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sanders appointed Gwen Wardlow as acting Clerk.

Roll Call: Gwen Wardlow, Acting Clerk, called Roll of the 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 September 3rd Regular Meeting. 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".**

Finance: Councilor Tanner offered a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $175,666.34. 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".**

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Sanders opened a public hearing for 7306 and 5260 Miles Springs Road and asked if there was anyone to speak. Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing with no one present to speak.

Concerning Case at 7306 Highway 75, Councilor Tanner offered a motion to table this matter due to noticeable progress being made on the property. 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".**

Councilor Holt offered Resolution 26-40 Declaring the Grass at 5260 Miles Springs Road a Public Nuisance and Authorizing Immediate Abatement. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Although the property owner promised the grass would be cut, the council proceeded with the resolution to ensure the work is completed. 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 Resolution 26-40.**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Snaders gave notice of public auction for EZGO MPT 1200 on September 25th at 1 PM.

Mayor Sanders announced the Southside Gadsden @ PVHS game on September 18th for Homecoming.

Mayor Sanders announced National Night Out on September 22nd.

Mayor Sanders announced Hispanic Heritage Night on September 24th.

Mayor Snaders announced Pride of the Valley September 26th. Volunteers are needed for grilling, directing traffic, driving golf carts, and trash pickup.

Old Business: Councilor Walker offered Ordinance 2026-34 concerning Donations and Litter Control. Councilor Thompson 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 as Ordinance 2026-34.**

New Business: Councilor Tanner offered Ordinance 2026-35 concerning 2027 School and Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. 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 as Ordinance 2026-35.**

Mayor Sanders offered a first reading on License Agreement with Jimmie Hale Mission Power Pole and Temporary Unit.

Mayor Sanders stated the council will announce the Christmas Parade Theme at the next council meeting.

Councilor Walker offered a motion concerning the November 11th Veteran's Day Lunch with expenses up to $10,000.00. Councilor Thompson 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.**

Councilor Tanner offered Ordinance 2026-36 Amending Encampment Ordinance. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for 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 2026-36.**

Councilor Tanner offered a Request from Glenwood Fire Department for Rope Rescue equipment. Councilor Walker duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders called for 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.**

Special Guest: Heather Lebishak, Director of North Jefferson Chamber of Commerce gave an update on Butterbean Days. She was very excited about the sponsorships, vendors, food trucks, car show, and Butterbean, the heavyweight boxer, being in attendance. She also updated on advertisements including billboards, ads, and news/media coverage.

Department Head Reports:

Councilor Tanner congratulated Center Point Mayor Bobby Scott on the work that he and his team are doing with a project in Senegal in West Africa.

Operations Director Eric Winfrey gave an update on road closures for Butterbean Days.

Public Comments: Wanda Cole, Innsbrook resident voiced concerns of parking on both sides of the street blocking trash pickup. Mayor Sanders advised her to give the address to Chris Sharit and they will look into it.

Councilor Walker offered a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Councilor Sims duly seconded the motion. Mayor Sanders released staff and stated there would be no further business or action taken and appointed Councilor Tanner to be the closing recorder.

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 8:08 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lind, City Clerk for Gwen Wardlow, Acting Clerk