



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.  
PIERSON TOWN HALL

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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10 Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Town Clerk  
11 Carmen Spelorzi to call roll.

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## 2. ROLL CALL

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### PRESENT:

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Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund

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Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee

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Councilmember Sergia Cardenas

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Also present were Town Attorney Christian Waugh and Town Planner Mark Karet.  
22 Councilmember James Peterson was excused absent.

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## 3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

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Mayor Samuel Bennett gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Samuel Bennett

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- a. Regular Meeting April 13, 2021

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Mayor Samuel Bennett entertained a motion for approval if there are no deletions or additions.

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**Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the minutes as written;  
35 seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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## 5. NEW BUSINESS

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- a. County Wide Pet Licensing Program – Adam Leath MCVFS Director of  
40 Animal Services Division, Volusia County via White Paper (TABLED from  
41 04/13/2021)

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Mayor Bennett introduced Adam Leath MCVFS Director of Animal Services Division who  
44 spoke on the program and how it can benefit the Town and its citizens. Mr. Leath offered  
45 Pierson to take advantage of resources Volusia County already provides by joining the County  
46 wide pet licensing program and stated that some other Towns have submitted letters of interest  
47 in joining the program. Mr. Leath continued that the ultimate purpose of this program is to  
48 reunite animals with their owners prior to being dropped off at a shelter.

49 Public Works Animal Control Officer Dustin Childers spoke on issues he has encountered in  
50 the line of duty. Mr. Leath spoke how the program can help with these issues.

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52 Discussion ensued about cost and if joining the program would affect current animal control  
53 processes, current Town ordinance would not change, having local vets do the licensing and  
54 what if the animal is already chipped.

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56 b. Water Billing Adjustments: March 2021- Water Committee Chairman/ Vice  
57 Mayor Robert Greenlund

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59 Vice Mayor Greenlund spoke on three (3) water billing adjustments and that they were  
60 handled in house. Vice Mayor Greenlund stated that over 100,000 gallons of water had been  
61 lost due to leaks and asked the Town Clerk to keep a log of gallons of water the Town is not  
62 being paid for in these adjustments.

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64 c. Airport Liability Insurance Third Installment Payment of \$2,213.00 for May 17,  
65 2021 to May 17, 2022 – Councilman Tom Larrivee

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67 Commissioner Tom Larrivee stated that this is a routine fee for the Airport Liability insurance.  
68 The insurance company is currently involved in a claim on behalf of the Town. This cost is  
69 being paid with fees from Airport users.

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71 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the Third Installment for**  
72 **Airport Liability Insurance; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed;**  
73 **motion carries.**

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75 d. Four Seasons 4th of July Fireworks – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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77 Mayor Bennett stated that he had spoken with the Fire Marshal and was informed that there  
78 should not be any issues doing fireworks. The Council is in consensus to continue the  
79 fireworks with Four Seasons.

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81 Discussion ensued about cost for fireworks and doing fireworks only or getting vendors. Town  
82 Clerk Spelozzi asked for volunteers to get help with procuring sponsors and other items that  
83 need to be done to put on an event like this.

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85 e. FRWA Water Rate Study Results from Workshop- Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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87 Mayor Bennett spoke on the preceding FRWA Water Rate Study Results workshop and that  
88 Mr. Hanna with the FRWA made the recommendation to increase the rates. Verbiage will  
89 need to be added/changed in the water ordinance and the Town Attorney will present to the  
90 Council once completed.

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92 Discussion ensued that the water rates have not changed in the last 25 years and that this is  
93 necessary to the Town to be able to continue to operate properly.

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95 f. Need for Light Poles at Chipper Jones Baseball Complex (TABLED from  
96 04/13/2021) - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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98 Vice Mayor Greenlund stated that as of right now they still have not received a cost estimate  
99 for this project.

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101 g. State of Emergency Florida / Town of Pierson - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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103 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to extend the State of Emergency for**  
104 **the Town of Pierson for an additional seven (7) days; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert**  
105 **Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

106 h. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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108 Mayor Bennett stated that the new Director for the School Board asked Pierson to do a formal  
109 request to extend the sewer for the new Town Complex and that the Mayor did so requesting  
110 an extension of three (3) years. Mayor Bennett also spoke with the folks from the Library  
111 who will also move onto the School grounds.

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113 Mayor Bennett elaborated on a few things that need to be accomplished prior to moving there  
114 and that he has not received word back for the School Board.

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116 Mayor Bennett elaborated that Pierson was represented at the State of the County event by  
117 Councilmember Cardenas.

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119 i. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian  
120 Waugh

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122 Town Attorney Waugh spoke on the Town’s approval of the Airport Insurance and that they  
123 made the right decision in doing so, as the current litigations have far exceeded the small cost  
124 of renewing.

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126 j. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet,  
127 Zev Cohen & Associates

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129 Mr. Karet spoke on

130 • P&Z meeting on 4/20/21, agenda includes applications for annexation and rezoning.

131 • P&Z asked for Town Attorney to be present at the May meeting for Code  
132 enforcement LDR discussion.

133 • next onsite visit 5/6/21 at 9 am

134 • Mead Hunt finishing Design plans, to be reviewed by Zev Cohen.

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## 136 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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## 138 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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140 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund, Councilmember Sergia Cardenas and the Town Attorney had  
141 no additional comments.

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143 Councilmember Tom Larrivee updated the Council about James Peterson.

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145 Town Clerk Spelorzi spoke on an award ceremony invitation and for the Council to advise  
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148 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)**

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150 None

151 **9. ADJOURNED**

152 Mayor read dates for upcoming meetings and events.

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154 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.**

155 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

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Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett