



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN HALL**

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee

Also present were Town Attorney Christian Waugh, Town Planner Mark Karet and representatives from the VCSO. Councilmembers Sergia Cardenas and Gray Leonhard were excused absent.

3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Samuel Bennett

- a. Budget Workshop July 27, 2021
- b. Budget Special Meeting July 27, 2021
- c. Regular Meeting July 27, 2021

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

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 PUBLIC HEARING Second Reading**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF PIERSON, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF PIERSON CREATING STANDARDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN ALL ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS THAT PERMIT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN

49 EFFECTIVE DATE.
50 (Recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission)
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52 Town Attorney Christian Waugh read the title into record and Mayor Bennett opened and
53 closed Public Hearing as no requests to speak were heard.

54 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-03 on**
55 **second reading; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries**
56 **on roll call vote 3-0.**

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58 b. Request for inspection of the road condition for East 1st Ave - Resident Katie
59 Ruth

60 Resident Katie Ruth asked for an inspection of the road condition for East 1st Ave and
61 suggested leveling it. Discussion ensued and Vice Mayor Greenlund will look into having a
62 Rotavator donated to alleviate the issue for the time being.

63 c. Request to consider adding language to the Pierson LDR's on allowing a
64 Special Exception for an Event Venue on agricultural zoned parcels- Daniela
65 Tomescu

66 Mayor Bennett read the title and introduced Daniela Tomescu who spoke on her proposal to
67 add language to the Pierson LDR for allowing a special exception for an event venue on
68 agricultural zoned parcels. Discussion ensued and the Council stated that this will need to go
69 before the P&Z.

70 Mrs. Spelozzi stated for the record that she received emails from Councilmember Gray
71 Leonhard and a resident listing a few concerns with an event venue and that those emails are
72 included with the agenda item.

73 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to send this proposal to the P&Z for**
74 **review; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

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76 d. Request to Local Business Partner to participate in a Community Based
77 Vocational Training Program with Taylor Middle High School- ESE Teachers,
78 Theresa Bourke, and Jaime Davis

79 Mayor Bennett read the title and introduced Blair Davis, who spoke on behalf of Jaime Davies
80 ESE Teacher at Taylor Middle High School. Mr. Davis explained the program and the purpose
81 of the request, which would entail having the Town allow ESE students to perform various
82 work tasks as part of their education and learning career skills.

83 Discussion ensued that this would be a beneficial program for all involved and that the Town
84 will compile a list of duties.

85 Mr. Paul Martel, inquired if the students will be supervised and was told there is always an
86 adult present.

87 e. Notice of Conditional Renewal of Insurance (General Liability / Workers
88 Comp) with PGIT/ Preferred/ PRIA – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

89 Mayor Bennett read the title and Mrs. Spelozzi spoke on renewing what is currently in place
90 until such time that a meeting can be held to review the insurance packet.

91 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the general liability**
92 **insurance; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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94 f. Request for Sponsorship from East Coast FFA Federation – Councilman Gray
95 Leonard

96 Mr. Waugh read from an email submitted by Councilmember Leonhard stating that this item
97 can be removed from the agenda as the deadline had passed.

98 g. Discuss, approve, and reconfirm attendance to the Florida League of Cities
99 Conference on August 12-14, 2021 – Councilwoman Sergia Cardenas.

100 Mayor Bennett read the title and discussion ensued to table the item since Councilmember
101 Cardenas was not present.

102 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to table this agenda item; seconded by**
103 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

104 h. Reassign and approve contract of Waugh Grant PLLC formally Waugh Law
105 PA – Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund

106 Mayor Bennett read that title and Vice Mayor Greenlund spoke on the need for this change.

107 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the reassignment of the**
108 **contract formerly held by Waugh Law PA to Waugh Grant PLLC; seconded by Vice**
109 **Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

110 i. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

111 Mayor Bennett stated that he and his wife recently had to stay at Advent Health in Ormond
112 and he commended that hospital and staff. The Mayor thanked everybody for the support and
113 concern that was shown to them.

114 j. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian
115 Waugh

116 Mr. Waugh spoke on title update for FRDAP grants which have been submitted and accepted.

117 k. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev
118 Cohen & Associates

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120 Mr. Karet spoke on:

- 121 • Plans for CDBG Water plant project has been approved
- 122 • After DEO reviewing Beacon Account info
- 123 • SRF approved request for inclusion (\$695,000 design cost, with 80% eligible for
124 forgiveness)
- 125 • Next complete Loan application, document for Mayor to sign
- 126 • in-house availability to meet with Planner 9/2/21
- 127 • Next P&Z meeting 9/21/21

128 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

129 None

130 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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132 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund inquired about ruts behind the little League Field and was told
133 that it was the garbage truck. Vice Mayor Greenlund asked for the contractor to fix the area.
134 Mrs. Spelorzi stated that contact had been made with the contractor and she will forward the
135 Vice Mayor's request to fix the ruts.

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137 Councilmember Tom Larrivee spoke on wearing masks and commented on an article about
138 Covid-19 that staff placed on the chairs for the audience.

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140 Town Clerk Spelorzi spoke on

- 141 • Flyers from Duke Energy offering Covid 19 Emergency assistance
- 142 • Noise Complaints submitted to Clerk's office by resident Sue Elliot and several verbal
143 noise complaints

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145 Mayor Bennett spoke on the Town's noise ordinance and Mr. Karet summarized that

- 146 • Noise ordinance has set levels for ambient noise based on Land use and time of day
147 VCSO purchased a noise meter dedicated for Pierson. Discussion ensued that the noise
148 meter is stored at Town Hall.
- 149 • Upon receiving a complaint (which cannot be anonymous) that officer will take noise
150 measurement at property line and if noise level is exceeded based on land use and time
151 of day a notice of violation is being issued.

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153 VCSO had no additional comments.

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155 Resident Linnie Richardson stated that she has had difficulties getting the VCSO to measure
156 for noise levels at her property line. Mayor Bennett stated that he would have the VCSO look
157 into it.

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159 Resident Jonathan Vickers, 249 E. Washington spoke on the benefits of having VCSO
160 presence right before and after school to help with loud noises and erratic driving from
161 students leaving the school.

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163 Mayor Bennett read dates of upcoming meetings.

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165 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)**

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167 Mr. Paul Martel 429 Pine Street

- 168 • Congratulated the Council for passing Ordinance 2021-02 and would like to get a
169 DRA hired
- 170 • Inquired about status for traffic line painting as striping machine is out of service.
171 Contact County to get cost for striping
- 172 • Inquired why P&Z meeting was cancelled, and feels that meetings are very important
173 to the Town and should not be cancelled. Mr. Waugh spoke about logistics for having
174 a P&Z meeting and that it should take place when a quorum is available. Need to

175 discuss backup for recording the meeting if Town Clerk is not available. Mr. Waugh
176 also spoke about the sunshine law and what it entails. He will forward a memo to each
177 P&Z Commissioner and Town Councilmember to have for reference.

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179 Mayor Bennett asked the Town Attorney to check if the P&Z Commission has to also attend
180 Ethics workshops since they have to abide by the Sunshine law.

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182 Resident Linn Richardson, 270 Richardson Lane,

183 • Asked about Covid relief monies, Mrs. Spelorzi and Mr. Karet spoke on the
184 matter

185 • Increasing Rental fees for Community Center – add to agenda for September
186 to discuss

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188 Mayor read meeting schedule and Town Clerk corrected dates. Town closed for Labor Day
189 9/6/21.

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191 **9. ADJOURNED**

192 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

193 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett