

This is the audit for year-end for September 2025, if you turn to page one and two of your report you will see we have 2 government funds and water funds. Jim Ashby continued with the report and the town assets cash, equipment and property 3397 Million. Florida Retirement System was

245,000, the fund is under funded and if it went away, you would be responsible for that amount, but the fund is strong and don't see that happening. You have 4.5 million in fixed assets. If you turn to page 10 Income and expenses, you will see a decrease from last year and it's explained by the sale of the bank building and ARPA funds. General funds decreased by 82,000 dollars due to revenue is down. Page 15-16 Water Fund. You received the best rating for this year because essentially you want to break even, you have very little debt with the purchase of the tractor. Overall, you are in good condition. Jim Ashby asked the council if they have any questions and they thanked him for his report.

b. Recommendation from Charter Review Committee – Town Attorney Scott Simpson

Scott Simpson briefly described the process for approval of Charter review committees' recommendations. That they can accept all changes or some of the changes or they can add to the changes. He explained how it would go on the ballot a one item or the can break it down into questions, but if you put it as one item it can be all or nothing. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked how many questions you can add, and Town Attorney Scott Simpson explained the process. He then continued going through changes section by section. Section three explains the power of the city and how after home rule came into effect you now look to charter for restrictions. The charter becomes more of a granting document. Town Marshall and town treasure are removed because they no longer exist or are used. He went into section about who can run for council and how they would qualify. Explain how you need to be a little more specific about how we conduct elections. He continued with forfeiture of office. How to fill a vacancy and that they have three ways appointment, leave empty or a special election. Page six is simplifying the title, Mayor. Deputy clerk Ryan Smith explained that the town used to have a non-voting Mayor and that it was changed to a voting Mayor. Last change is how you follow sunshine law for meetings and that state law says you must give 24-hour notice for a meeting and that the 3-hour rule no longer applies. You must also follow state law when advertising. We need to get this to Lisa Lewis in elections by August 18, 2026, to get on the November Ballot. Now you must decide if you are satisfied or want to make changes or break it up or submit it new charter. 75 words to describe it on the ballot and that's not a lot. Mayor Gray Leonhard maybe change the language to a revision of the charter following state law or updated language. Councilmember Linnie Richardson asked Town Attorney Scott Simpson for his opinion to break it up or submit whole. He stated his preference would be to submit it as all or nothing. You can have workshops to inform the public of the changes. Mayor Gray Leonhard states he believes it should be all or nothing and asked council what their opinion is. Councilmember Linnie Richardson and Vice Mayor Greenlund agree that all or nothing is good with them. Town Attorney Scott Simpson asked if council wanted him to bring back a summary for the election for them to approve and they all agreed.

c. Laptop for Emergency Management Purposes - Mayor Gray Leonhard

The person that is working with emergency management should have a laptop to communicate with them. Council agreed.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve getting a quote and pricing for a new laptop: seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

d. Water bill 145 Echo Street forgiveness request – Resident Kelsey Beasley

Kelsey Beasley starts with the house has been vacant since 2021; the account has accrued monthly charges and late fees. I want to bring it up to good standing and pay it off and place it in my name, but I paid a year ago and it's over 700.00 dollars again. I know in prior years you have forgiven water bill or removed the late fees so that is why I am here. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund states that yes in the past we have forgiven late fees or bills. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if the house is vacant. Kelsey Waters replied yes and it needs a lot of work done to it and we are hoping in the future to fix it and possibly move one of our children into it. Council discussion ensued and Deputy Clerk Ryan smith stated 362.00 if we remove all the late fees and charges.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the late fees being removed and have a payment of \$362.00: seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.

e. Water Intrusion at Community Center – Mayor Gray Leonhard

It looks like at some point the pressure tank fitting broke and it sprayed water into the community center and it flooded it in there. We need to fix the wall where the water enters the community center.

f. Airport Surveying and Rezoning – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith discussed with council that we need to conduct a survey and get the airport rezoned because right now it is one parcel with Chipper Jones Park. Since we are working to get the emergency helicopter out there, it needs to be done.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Efirm Surveying to survey the airport: seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

g. RCM Utilities quote install sample points and replace two commercial meters - Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith.

Tabled until next meeting

6. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council, and Staff Reports)

Mayor Gray Leonhard started off with the Volusia League of Cities Dinner in July. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock explained that her and Council member Linnie Richardson met with Crystal

Ward from 1928 Meat & Kitchen to cater the event and explained the quote to the council. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he would like to use someone from our town. The council agreed

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve 1928 Meat & Kitchen to cater the Volusia League of Cities Dinner in July: seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked about helicopter coming to airport and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that they were meeting with Volusia County for their permit and we should know tonight. Council member Jimmy Anderson asked about removal of old desk that sat on stage and if they could throw that out. Council agreed and Mayor Gray Leonhard also stated we need to dispose of those water fountains. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund suggested that he would call Jim Cowart to see if he wanted to come get that stuff and the extra air conditioners because he was hurting for money and looking for some side work. Council agreed. Council member Linnie Richardson explained that the cell tower is still not working, and she called again and they stated that a plane would not run into it. It is scheduled to be repaired in the next few weeks. Council member Brandy Peterson asked about should we get food trucks for the 4th of July since we are like six months out and we can ask Kim about soulisious and Senor Peppers the council agreed. Council member Linnie Richardson reminded council that ethics training was coming up and that we need to get signed up. Town Attorney Scott Simpson had nothing at this time. Town Planner Mark Karet stated he will be here for the Planning and Zoning next week and he will be here on February 5th to meet with residents about their zoning questions.

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that we have a little snag with the garbage, he was contacted by GFL and Skip stated that in RFP it states a renewal clause and if we did it on the tax bill it would be a lot easier for them so he will be on the next agenda. He continued, explaining what Ernie Peterson does and how he collects data from the property appraiser's website to locate all the homes in Pierson. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained the cost and Council member Linnie Richardson deemed this an emergency.

Council Member Brandy Peterson made a motion to approve Ernie Peterson working for the Town of Pierson to collect data on homes in Pierson for trash services: seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

Mayor Gray Leonhard asked audience and council if they had anything else and with hearing no further business meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor