

37 Skip McCall started off by greeting the council. We are up for renewal, and we want to continue
38 to provide services to the town of Pierson. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained to the council that
39 they have two options for solid waste pick up in Pierson, renew with GFL or go with FCC Contract.
40 Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated FCC's contract cannot be renegotiated we must follow
41 Volusia Counties contract we are just piggy backing their agreement. Skip McCall from GFL
42 stated that FCC's contract is up for renewal next year and may not be renewed. He also stated that
43 contract is for more money than GFL's. The council asked Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith to be
44 included in the FCC contract, and he stated solid waste pick up, recycling pick up, yard waste pick
45 up and they pick up bulk items' same day as trash service. Councilmember Brandy Peterson
46 explained her reservations to go with GFL due to the commercial issues we have had in the past
47 and the stickers and trash being picked up. Skip McCall stated if we do an assessment on the tax
48 roll that will fix a lot of the problems. I also can say we will supply all new trash cans to the
49 residents and get rid of all the mixed matched cans. Mayor Gray Leonhard explained a story when
50 he requested a new trash bin that he received one with a science experiment inside of it and that
51 he called and they brought him another can that was brand new. Skip McCall apologized to the
52 mayor for that happening. Skip McCall explained how right now the sticker process is not working
53 and confusion with picking up the trash because of that issue. Councilmember Linnie Richardson
54 explained that she has a resolution that the drivers are given a list each morning and they follow
55 that and not use the sticker. Skip McCall explained that adding to the tax roll will eliminate a lot
56 of those problems. Skip explained that they will be implementing GFL 1 system and each driver
57 will have a tablet to follow. Councilmember Linnie Richardson asked and this is for 1 day pick up.
58 Skip McCall stated in good faith we can work with you and will bring a proposal back to you.
59 Town Attorney Scott Simpson explained that GFL would be an easier transition for that town,
60 especially since in the same year you will be doing an assessment of the tax roll. Also, residents
61 will continue to pay for the trash until it is added to the tax roll in October and you won't need to
62 take money from the reserves. Now if you go with FCC you will have to borrow the money from
63 reserves and contract will start March 1st. The residents will be hit with a bill for a entire year
64 and 10 months all at once. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated these are my thoughts, this will
65 be a big transition for everyone and a lot put on the staff. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund expressed
66 his concerns with taking money from the reserves and Mayor Gray Leonhard agreed. Deputy Clerk
67 Ryan Smith suggested that we can add it to the water bills until September 31, 2026. Town
68 Attorney Scott Simpson stated I don't have a dog in this war and that this is a big transition and
69 work for the staff. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked when the contract with GFL is up. March 1, 2026.
70 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked about adding yard debris and/or bulk pick up. Skip McCall said we
71 can investigate adding a supplement to the contract for that.

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73 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to go into discussions for an extension with**
74 **GFL environmental for solid waste pick up in Pierson; seconded by Council Member Linnie**
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77 Town Attorney Scott Simpson reminded Mr. McCall that they must have the contract by next
78 meeting or otherwise town will go with FCC because they will have no other options.

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b. Ordinance 2026-01 Parking of Boats and RV's - First Reading

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83 Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance. Town Planner Mark Karet stated that back in
84 2018 something like this made it to the first reading but failed the second reading, so we dusted it
85 off and updated and now Rebekah is going to go over this with you. Rebekah of Zev Cohen started
86 to explain the ordinance, and it allows for us of RV for family for up to 30 days 2 times a year on
87 the permit. Allows residents who are building a home to have an RV on property during building
88 or after a disaster for up to 18 months. The parking space for the boat would be up to three boats.
89 One in the front, one on the side and one in the rear. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund confirmed no
90 limits for indoor storage. Rebekah stated that is correct. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council
91 and audience if they had anything else.

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93 Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he would entertain a motion.

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95 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01 as**
96 **written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. Roll call vote taken, all agreed, motion**
97 **carries.**

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99 c. Ordinance 2026-02 Charter Committee

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101 Town Attorney Scott Simpson explained the Ordinance to the council. Vice Mayor Robert
102 Greenlund stated he would like to be able to take it home and read over it.

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104 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to table Ordinance 2026-02 until next**
105 **meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.**

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108 d. Stacy Jones Annexation, Rezoning, Comp Plan – Mark Karet Zev Cohen

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110 Town Planner Mark Karet of Zev Cohen explained the annexation process and how they are zoned
111 differently by the county so we must do a rezoning and then a comp plan amendment. It will be a
112 large comprehensive plan since it is over 50 acres. Discussion ensued. Staff is to notify Stacy that
113 he needs to come in and speak with Town Planner.

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115 e. Pickle Ball dedication February 14, 2026, and Nets – Mary Kay Hansen

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117 Mary Kay Hansen started explaining the dedication and the hours they will be doing it from 10 –
118 12 and will have a pickle ball instructor present. She then discussed that they have donated
119 3,600.00 to the pickle ball court. She asked if public works could remove the rocks and grass off
120 the pickle ball court. Council member Jimmy Anderson said that would not be a problem because
121 when they mow, they leaf blow and can do it. Mary Kay Hansen then went on to explain the nets
122 are the town property and we have them up at the town center and sign them out. Discussion
123 ensued. Council member Brady Peterson stated that it wouldn't work and Marci, the utility clerk,
124 did not want responsibility for the nets, and we close at 4 and don't work weekends. Resident
125 Robin Powell asked to get permanent nets placed up there. Council member Brandy Peterson stated
126 she is working with Ryan to get prices for permanent nets.

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128 f. Field improvements and Babe Ruth – Northwest Volusia Little League

129 Scott Leffler with Northwest Volusia Little League thanked the council for their support. February
130 7th will be a workday and they will be collecting volunteer forms. They plan on doing some
131 painting of concession stands and bleachers. They will be working on the flagpole. The new lights
132 are up and will save the town some money on electricity. February 21st will be opening day. They
133 would like to request Babe Ruth adding to the contract with Little League since Deland has backed
134 out of coming to Pierson due to sheriff contract. Council member Brandy Peterson asked how that
135 would work. Town Attorney Scott Simpson said they can make an amendment to the contract, and
136 we just need insurance information. Discussion ensued about sheriff contract and same coverage
137 as in Deleon Springs. Council members said that this is all for the children.

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139 g. 635 N. Volusia Ave water leak – Resident Antolin Benitez

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141 Staff explained that they had tree roots break the line and told us immediately of the leak. Vice
142 Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that we have forgiven bills in the past and they had no control over
143 this. Discussion ensued.

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145 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to charge the average bill cost to the residents**
146 **for the leak; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All Agreed, motion carries.**

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148 h. 4th of July Vendor form approval for food trucks – Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock

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150 Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock asked council to review form being used for the 4th of July food
151 trucks. Council reviewed form.

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153 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve food Truck vendor form; seconded**
154 **by Council Member Linnie Richardsin. All Agreed, motion carries.**

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156 i. World Encephalitis Day February 22, 2026, RED4WED - Email Request

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158 Mayor Gray Leonhard explained that they would like everyone to wear red on February 22, 2026,
159 in honor of World Encephalitis Day.

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

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163 Mayor Gray Leonhard started off with we need to do something about public works trucks they are
164 worn out. Louis's truck needs fixed right now. Council agreed it must be fixed that's just part of
165 everyday things that need to be fixed. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
166 about the wells and the freeze that happened over the weekend. Vice Mayor stated that they called
167 CWS and they arrived quickly and Chris was in Deland and they needed something to insulate the
168 pipes. The pressure sensor valve froze up, and pressure valve devise failed. Council Member Linnie
169 Richardson explained how the pressure sensor works. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated we
170 should insulate all the pipes. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated he was under the weather, but
171 he is feeling better but has no energy so he was not keeping up with what the boys were doing.
172 Council Member Linnie Richardson announce that cell tower was fixed and lit up like a Christmas
173 tree. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained about UF Health being at airport and clearing the lot for
174 them the quote came in from Mand B Tree service quoted \$4,500.00 Council Member Brandy
175 Peterson stated that we need more than one quote. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated we should

176 not do anything until we have a contract with them, and we will negotiate the work cost. Deputy
177 Clerk Ryan Smith stated he was just trying to get a consensus from the council. Town Planner Scott
178 Simpson stated we need to get the lease first. Town Planner Mark Karet asked where they would fuel
179 up, and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith responded with Deland or Flagler. Discussion ensued about the
180 amount per month, and the council chose to go high. Council Member Linnie Richardson brought up
181 dead trees on US highway 17 and how someone can get hurt. Lester Pulley asked if he should bring it
182 up at his next TPO meeting and council agreed. Town Planner Mark Karet stated he will be here
183 Thursday to meet with the residents about their land use and zoning questions. Town Attorney Scott
184 Simpson stated he had nothing.

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187 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked audience if they had anything. Melissa Thorn came to the podium and
188 stated she is running for county council. She is here to discuss toilet to tap, and she is really against it
189 and is looking for city support. Ormond is on board. Volusia has the right to vote on poop water.
190 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked if they wanted to put treated sewer water into the aquifer. Yes,
191 and there are not a lot of regulations on the treated water as of now. Discussion ensued. Melissa
192 Thorn gave us a copy of the petition and thanked council for their time.

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194 **Mayor Gray Leonhard asked audience and council if they had anything else and with**
195 **hearing no further business meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.**

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197 The mayor then announced the next meetings and the happenings going on in the area.

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204 Minutes prepared by:
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208 Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Gray Leonhard, Mayor