



40 and we have desks and computers set up to assist the officers in the area. They can keep their  
41 paperwork and follow up materials for their use. The stats are 460 traffic stops, calls for service  
42 3836 and 1278 initiated by deputy. We had 505 property checks and total calls were 2503. He then  
43 proceeded to break down the statistics for the council. On July 2, 2025, we had a motor vehicle  
44 accident and an aggravated assault on August 29, 2025, that Carbajal did an excellent job on. He  
45 then showed a video of the incident and then the apprehension in September by Billy Galarza at  
46 Chipper Jones Park. September there was a motor vehicle theft, and he showed the video and him  
47 being captured in DeLeon Springs Florida. - UCR group A group B break down. Group A is  
48 burglary, larceny, shoplifting, and motor vehicle. Group B Domestic violence, gambling and  
49 vagrancy. There were 18 property crimes and 97.30% cleared by arrest. He then went on to explain  
50 the sheriff office capabilities and live 911 in all vehicles, RAVEN gun detection software the  
51 NIBIN lab and ANDE Rapid DNA testing. Air One had 1000 flights. Mayor Gray Leonhard  
52 thanked the sheriff office for the job they did at apprehending the gentlemen that caused the  
53 vandalism to his property. He ended saying he appreciates them.

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55 b. Robotics Club Financial Update – Kim Godwin

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57 John spoke instead of Kim and started 2 years ago we started with 3 students in an after-school  
58 club building a robot and competed against others and ranked #3 and moved on to state  
59 competition. It is very hard to do fund raising and find the time. The students came up with the  
60 name Doomba Club and received a unique design award. So, we are looking for support for our  
61 club. He introduced the students and then the robot they built. They did a presentation with the  
62 robot. The council thanked them for coming.

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64 **Council Member Brandy Peterson made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the robotics club;**  
65 **seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Grenlund. All agreed, motion carries.**

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68 c. Ordinance 2026-02 Charter Committee First reading

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70 Town Attorney Scott Simpson explained that the language can be changed and brought back to  
71 council that there is no rush. Scott read the ordinance and gave a brief summary to council and  
72 audience. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained about the charter committee and that this is a ballet  
73 question the council is approving so you can approve all change or no changes. He also explained  
74 it is getting rid of outdated verbiage.

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76 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 on its**  
77 **first reading. Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. Roll call vote taken, all agreed,**  
78 **motion carries.**

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80 d. 682 Glenhaven leak over \$500.00 needs council approval total bill 695.85

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82 Staff explained to council that the bill was over the 500.00 that Utility Clerk Marci Nichols can  
83 agree to so, we need approval from council. So, they will be billed 335.00 plus the regular bill of  
84 24.75.

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86 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the water forgiveness of 335.00.**  
87 **Second, Council Member Brandy Peterson, all agreed, motion carries.**

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89 e. Solid Waste Contract – Town of Pierson

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91 Skip McCall from GFL steps up to podium and explains the contract that he sent over. He then  
92 explained how he added bulk pick up at 25.00 per cubic yard. Solid Waste agreement is for 5 years  
93 with another 5-year extension. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked about the commercial accounts and  
94 Mr. McCall stated it would stay the same with exclusivity to GFL. Skip McCall stated he enjoyed  
95 the Robotics club presentation and if GFL continues to work with the Town of Pierson they would  
96 like to get more involved in the community. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated she  
97 believes that the FCC contract benefits the residents. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated with  
98 FCC you get bulk pickup and can put 4 items out a week with GFL its \$25.00 a cubic yard. FCC  
99 gives us more options, and we are trying to get something better for our residents.

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101 Resident Robin Green stood up and stated that she has argued with GFL prior and respectfully  
102 thinks council should go with FCC, the extra money is worth it. Everyone will go on the tax roll.  
103 Mayor Gray Leonhard explained that either company will go on the tax roll.

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105 Skip McCall comes to podium and explains that going on the tax roll will resolve a lot of the  
106 problems. He also stated that the county contract with FCC is only good until 2027. They also  
107 don't have the disposal charge included so that will be in addition. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith  
108 explains that it is in fact included in their cost. Mr. McCall states that our contract is for 5 years  
109 guaranteed also their rate can go up in October. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith states that the contract  
110 has an increase per year by the CPI.

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112 Resident Crystal Ward stood up and stated she has had issues with GFL, and trash pickup and the  
113 price difference doesn't matter to her. It's inconsistent with current service.

114 Mayor Gray Leonhard asks for a \$25.00 charge for bulk pick up and do residents contact GFL  
115 directly. Jake Pack from GFL stated that they would contact the office and we would go out to  
116 review the bulk items and then they would pay by credit card and then we would pick it up. Council  
117 Member Jimmy Anderson so the better deal is the one with the build in bulk pick up.

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119 **Council Member Linnie Richardson is making a motion to piggyback the county contract**  
120 **and use FCC as our solid waste hauler. Second, Council member Jimmy Anderson, all**  
121 **agreed, motion carries.**

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123 f. RCM Utilities various water system repairs – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

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125 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith starts off with the freeze a couple of above ground back flows were  
126 damaged. Per our ordinance it says one thing we pay for back flow and customer pays for  
127 installation, but we always do something different. Deputy Ryan Smith continues with we will  
128 need 13. Next, we will need 2 commercial meters one for 302 S Center St and Ag farm on Blake  
129 Street \$5108.00. Next the Health department is requesting sample stations to be put in 4 of them.  
130 We have a site plan of where they should go. Do we send public works department out and let  
131 them do it all. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund states just something to get run over. Discussion

132 ensued. Town Planner Mark Karet states back flows protect the system. Mayor Gray Leonhard  
133 suggests we approve the back flows and then try to get money from the owners after. Materials are  
134 7842.25 8% of it is labor 2768.04 total of 10610.00.

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136 **Vice Mayor Robert Grenlund makes a motion to purchase 13 back flows and 2 2' potable**  
137 **water meters. Second, by Council member Linnie Richardson, all agreed, motion carries.**

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139 g. Resolution for Handbook Ordinance 2026-04 First read– Deputy Clerk Ryan  
140 Smith

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142 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith This is to change the language stating changes must be done by  
143 ordinance. Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance.

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145 **Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund made a motion to approve ordinance 2026-04 on its first**  
146 **read. Second by Council Member Linnie Richardson. Roll call vote taken, all agreed, motion**  
147 **carries.**

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149 h. Additional exterior lighting Town Center – Council Member Brandy Peterson

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151 I asked them to look at pump house and why lights weren't working, and the stage lights in  
152 cafeteria and replace the ballast. Total cost is 3208.00 from Freedom Electric.

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154 **Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund made a motion to approve quote from Freedom Electric**  
155 **for 3208.00. Second by Brandy Peterson, all agree, motion carries.**

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157 i. Flood awareness Proclamation – Mayor Gray Leonhard

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159 Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the Proclamation. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that it is from  
160 March 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

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162 j. Updates from Lester Pulley on Traffic Meeting – Lester Pulley

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164 Number of fatalities is up, but they didn't have any. Speeding continues to be an issue along with  
165 cell phones in school zones. School zones are hands free and cameras are up and running. The  
166 signs on US Highway 17 are not their problem so there is no help from them.

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168 k. Purchase order for abandoned glider at airport \$250.00 – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

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170 Deputy Clerk started off with glider in the back that public works was going to cut up we received  
171 an offer for it of \$250.00. Council all replied with sell it.

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173 l. Schedule March Workshop for water Discussion – Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund

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175 Discussion of a time and day was discussed by the council. They decided March 5, 2026, at 3 PM

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177 m. Plate Compactor for public works – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

178 Deputy clerk Ryan Smith explained why they needed it and how much it costs and the mayor stated  
179 we need to get it.

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181 **Council member Brandy Peterson made a motion to approve the purchase of a plate**  
182 **compactor at \$699.99. Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson, all agree, motion**  
183 **carries.**

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185 n. Closing Park bathrooms and North Road Park in the evening – Council Member  
186 Linnie Richardson

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188 With the recent destruction at North Road Park, I think we need to pay public works overtime to  
189 close bathrooms at Chipper Jones Park and the bathrooms and gates at Nort rd. We need to review  
190 the handbook.

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192 **6. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council, and staff Reports)**

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194 a. Updates by Mayor Gray Leonhard I want to give a special thanks to Mary Kay &  
195 Chris Hansen for the grand opening on the pickle ball court celebration. It was nice.
- 196 b. Updates from Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund -None
- 197 c. Updates from Jimmy Anderson He stated that the sprinklers at North Road Park by  
198 the pickle ball court are getting driven on and that they have plenty of parking out  
199 there not to park on the sprinklers. Mayor Gray Leonhard then stated that he saw 3  
200 high school students playing basketball and took pictures of their vehicle tags to be  
201 proactive from all of the spin outs going on at the park. Council Member Brandy  
202 Peterson stated you cannot do that.
- 203 d. Updates by Council Member Linnie Richardson, I want to send my thoughts and  
204 prayers to the family of John Flowers, and they would like to use our community  
205 center. All agreed.
- 206 e. Updates by Brandy Peterson, Northwest Volusia Little league was not listed under  
207 events and Chris from public works truck has died. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated  
208 we have to do something to get 2 new trucks. Melissa Thorn running for county  
209 council stood up and stated that Council member Jeff Brower has not gotten back  
210 to her, but he is trying to get the town 3 trucks. She also stated that the County  
211 council denied their request to save the water and they are trying to take control of  
212 our water rights. Melissa Borquist NW Democrat stood up and asked a question  
213 about Deland little league not playing in Pierson and she saw the presentation by  
214 the Sheriff office and that Deland Little League is off base. Council Member  
215 Brandy Petron stated they have been trying to get out of playing up here for years  
216 and they are using that as an excuse.
- 217 f. Updates by Town Planner Mark Karet, I will be here Thursday to answer any  
218 resident zoning questions. Wastewater plan is completed and we be being brought  
219 to the council soon but with the newest information it went up 3 million dollars.  
220 SGS will be coming out to the new well and Barneys so hopefully it will be up and  
221 running soon.
- 222 g. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town attorney and staff if they had anything he also  
223 asked the audience.

224 He proceeded to read off next meet dates for Council and Planning and Zoning and  
225 events in Pierson.

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228 **Mayor Gray Leonhard asked audience and council if they had anything else and with**  
229 **hearing no further business meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.**

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236 Minutes prepared by:

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Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

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Gray Leonhard, Mayor