



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

Mayor Gray Leonhard
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
Councilmember Linnie Richardson
Councilmember Brandy Peterson

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith and the Volusia County Sheriff were also in attendance.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Gray Leonhard

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes March 03, 2026

Mayor Gray Leonhard read the title and asked if there were any additions or deletions, if not he would entertain a motion for approval.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Council Member Brandy Peterson. All agreed, motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ORDINANCE 2026-04 Amendments to Personnel Regulations Second Reading

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the Ordinance 2026-04. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained how it was previously read and had to be re-read and approved again.

Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council and audience if they had anything on Ordinance 2026-04 and with nothing further, he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-04 as written. Second Council Member Linnie Richardson. Roll call taken, all agree and motion carries.

b. Well at Chipper Jones Park – Council Member Linnie Richardson

Town Planner Mark Karet explained that he invited Mead and Hunt to the April 7th meeting and explained the councils' issues. We have 2 items the controller (brain of the water plant) and the transducer, which is \$1,500.00. This item was ordered this week, and the installation of the controller will allow us to bring plant up and running. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that the prior issues were a flow meter. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if they could get this part quickly. Town Planner Mark Karet explained that they believe this has something to do with the lightning strike at the rodeo grounds. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated I think that's just an excuse. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked if there was a flaw in the system. Town Planner Mark Karet sent everything went well until and Town Foreman Louis Longo stated the softball field was struck and Fred Hough replaced a few things. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked what happens if the board goes out again. Town Planner Mark Karet stated he does not have the answer to that question, they only identified it last week and we found out yesterday. Todd Bush believes in CWS being able to handle the new well. Council Member Linnie Richardson asked if they had any warranties for the well. Discussion ensued. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated he asked for a certificate of substantial completion. He also stated we need to notify the insurance of a potential claim. Town Planner Scott Simpson also stated that he asked for all contracts so he could review it all. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated he created this timeline and he explained the timeline to the council. Discussion ensued and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained all the payments that were made.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2 Doors Bathroom Utility rooms at park quote (tabled 3/3/2026)

Council started to discuss how they can fix the drainage so that the door does not get flooded. Council Member Jimmy Anderson said that they can do a ditch and fill it with rock that should work. The Mayor and Vice Mayor agreed that it was a good idea to do a French drain. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated he would get up with Public Works tomorrow and get it taken care of it.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the 2 doors for utility doors at the parks after French drain is done. Second by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agree, motion carries.

b. Solid Waste Receptacles (Recycle bins) (tabled 3/3/2026)

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained the issue with the recycling bins and that it is part of the contract. The council can decide how they want to handle this and give residents a bin and charge for a second. Town Attorney Scott Simpson states that they can be added into the assessment. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated so we have 600 residents that need recycle bins. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith said that he could ask Mike at FCC if we could possibly get some bins from him and see if we can get less bins from the container company. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith also stated that the trash cans are arriving tomorrow.

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

Mayor Gray Leonhard started with the water break that had happened and it was fixed and thanked public works for working in the rain. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund also thanked public works for fixing the potholes on Turner Road. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated he had nothing. Council Member Linnie Richardson explained an issue on West Hagstrom with a stranger getting on her grandson's porch the night before. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated we are having a problem with residents calling our public workers to do things, they get directions from us and not residents. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he has something else. We have a problem with the right of way on West Washington and all these red-light reflectors by the bridge rail. We maintain the right way, and I think they need to be removed. Discussion ensued and Mayor asked public works to remove the reflectors and council agreed. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated he looked at contracts for airport with UF Health and he had a few suggestions. A better description of leased area and the cost of living increase yearly to be applied to contract. The section about operations at airport and interruptions we need more clarification. Town Planner Mark Karet stated he will be here Thursday and understands that he has several people, and we have already discussed the water plant.

Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock explained that Commissioner Paul Martel has received notification from Jonathan Vickers that has been on Planning and Zoning board since 2015 is resignation and was asked to submit a replacement. The Planning and Zoning Commissioner Paul Martel has nominated Kelly Green. Mayor Gray Leonhard has Chosen Mary Kay Hansen. Discussion ensued about how a new commissioner is picked. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated how other cities handle it and that they take applications for the position. Staff can check other cities' applications for ideas. Staff should also post applications on website and bring applications to council at next meeting. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that RCM replaced backflow and how installation is paid by the customer and the town pays for the backflow. Should we charge the labor to the customers. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that we have two ordinances that mention this and he explained them to the council. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated you should follow the most recent one. Council discussion ensued and directed that we should send a letter explaining that this is the town's ordinance and include it with the letter.

8. GOOD AND WELFARE (Public Participation)

Resident Paul George came to the podium and asked Council Member Jimmy Anderson to let everyone know what happened on Friday. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated that Linnie is always picking on the employees and I had enough. Paul George asked Jimmy if he asked Linnie

Richardson to quit. Paul George stated that Jimmy Anderson is too close to the situation. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated that Linnie had gone too far and always causing problems. Foreman Louis Longo stated she wrote me up for doing my timecard which they told us we can do at end of day. Paul George stated that she is trying to make them more efficient. Paul George stated that Council Member Jimmy Anderson is full of crap and the council needs to remove him.

Resident Lestor Pulley stated that the 2 wooden signs are broken and need to be replaced or removed. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked which signs. Lester Pulley explained at Chipper Jones Park. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated they need to be taken down. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he would go look at them.

Melissa Thorne running for County Council. Don Dempsy is not in favor of Volusia Forever and conservation land. He wants Volusia Forever to be 30 years or 50 years. All other County Council stood up and stated its Volusia Forever. Melissa Thorne asked Council if they had given thought to her request on the aquifer issue and that she can come and give a presentation to the council. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that we need to make a resolution for the next agenda.

Mayor Gray Leonhard read off the events and the next meetings.

Mayor Gray Leonhard asked audience and council if they had anything else and with hearing no further business meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor