



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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 May 5, 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 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2026-06 Amending Planning Commission Regulations – Town Attorney Scott Simpson

Town Attorney Scott Simpson Reads the Ordinance and then explains what was discussed at the last meeting about the alternate. Discussion ensued about alternate replacing a vacancy or filling vacancy until next election. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that she thinks the alternate should fill the vacancy since they were picked as the alternate. Mayor Gray Leonhard and Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund agree. Council Member Brandy Peterson Questions the terms for the commissioners. Town Attorney Scott Simpson explains that's the verbiage in your charter. Discussion ensued. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith asked why 3 years and can they do 2- or 4-year terms. Town Attorney Scott Simpson states you can do 4 years on a rotation and do they want to change that. Discussion ensued. It was determined they would change the ordinance and bring it back to next council meeting.

b. Approval of Airport insurance – Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock

In your agenda packet is a copy of last year's policy and this year's policy. We just need you to choose which option you prefer or go with what was chosen last year. Discussion ensued. Council determined that they want to add the terrorist insurance and not the extra hanger insurance.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the airport insurance at a cost of \$ 3,379.46 with TRIA. Seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All Agree and motion carries.

c. 1928 Meat and Eat Fundraiser for Dominic Town Donation- Council Member Linnie Richardson

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund makes a statement that he will abstain from voting on this topic since it is his sister's grandson. Council Member Linnie Richardson explains the situation about Dominic and that she thinks the town should make a donation. Town attorney Scott Simpson asked is this was a public benefit and discussion ensued. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that the town should donate 250.00 dollars. Council agreed.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to donate \$ 250.00 to Dominic. Second, by council member Jimmy Anderson, all agree and motion carries.

d. Scholarship amount for Taylor High School – Mayor Gray Leonhard

Mayor Gray Leonhard explained that they must pick a scholarship recipient for the James Sowell Scholarship. He stated that the top application is his choice, Hannah Renteria. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock explained that all applications were sorted and reviewed and any that were not signed completely or did not apply to a college were removed. Discussion from council on candidates ensued. Council member Linnie Richardson suggested Georgia Hough. Town attorney Scott Simpson suggested they write their choices down in one, two, three orders, one being their first choice. Georgia Hough 3 votes and Hannah Renteria 2 votes.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to give \$ 500.00 to Georgia Hough for James Sowell Scholarship Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson, all agree and motion carries.

e. Family Health Source re-opening Mayor Gray Leonhard

Mayor Gray Leonhard explained that the grand opening will be May 12, 2026, and he would like to invite anyone to the council to attend.

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

Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that May 7, 2026, will be National Prayer Day and it will be at 8AM and we will have coffee and Doughnuts afterwards in conference room.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that at the corner of Shaw Lake and East Washington Ave close to Glen Pittman's home that we have a few trees that are dead and need to be removed. Council advised staff to get quotes for the removal of these trees.

Council Member Jimmy Anderson and Council Member Linnie Richardson had nothing. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that it's at that time of the year and have we heard anything about the ditches being cleaned out by Volusia County. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that Louis Trivett left and was given the name of Mark Robic to contact. Discussion ensued about the agreement and things that have been done at this time. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated he had nothing. Town Planner Mark Karet stated that he will be here on Thursday to meet with residents about the zoning questions and that the library has re-submitted the parking lot plans. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if they still plan on doing the playground and Town Planner Mark Karet stated yes.

7. GOOD AND WELFARE (Public Participation)

Resident Paul Martel asked about the sanitation system and grants for assistance. Discussion ensued. Town Planner Mark Karet suggested bringing Clearwater Solutions in for a workshop and get a quote for cost to run wastewater plant. He stated they can get 100% of build with grants it's the running of plant yearly cost that town may not be able to do. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith asked if Mead & Hunt needed to be present at the workshop. He also stated that CWS has given a ballpark cost for the year for wastewater plant facility around \$4,000 a month. They decided to let Mead & Hunt finish the final paperwork.

Resident Diane Bennett stated that she is having issues with a resident that is playing loud music with band instruments and shooting guns at all hours of the day. They have an open shed with amplifiers and the start at 4 or 5 Pm and play until the we hours of the morning. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated to call the Sheriff office and fill out an affidavit Resident Diane stated that the Sheriff came and told them to turn it down and then when sheriff left the raised it back up. Council Member Brandy Peterson said its dangerous to be shooting guns there since there are a lot of houses around there. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked if this is on Steadman Road

where they are discharging a weapon. Deputy Carbajal stated it would only be a misdemeanor, and the music playing is a low priority call. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that she should call 911 for the shooting of a weapon. Discussion ensued about a decibel meter. Deputy Carbajal stated that he and Billy have one in their vehicles. Council Member Brandy Peterson recalls that they changed the decibel reading. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated that the most recent change was 2021. Mayor Gray Leonhard recommended that she call the police and Council Member Linnie Richardson stated she would get he a copy of the noise ordinance. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated he came into office for a permit and we instructed him of noise ordinance and curfew and he stated he would be in bed by 10 P.M. Discussion ensued.

Melissa Thorn running for County Council stated that they just change term limits to eight years. So that means you are stuck with whoever is elected for 8 years. She continued with transit fees have increased to 4.50 per trip and believes if you are disabled it should be for free. Discussion ensued. She continued that they gave the arts \$ 600,000 dollars but can't let a disabled person ride Votran for free. They want to add your backyard square footage to your property taxes.

Mayor Gray Leonhard read the events happening and the next council 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