



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1. Call meeting to order

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
Councilmember Linnie Richardson
Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
Councilmember Brady Peterson

Also present were Town Attorney Scott Simpson; Town Planner Mark Karet. Mayor Gray Leonhard and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith were excused absent.

3. Invocation and pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Gray Leonard

- a. Regular Meeting - May 6, 2025
- b. Workshop – May 12, 2025

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

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Taylor FFA use of Community Center May 27, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Miss Davis and Miss Dixon asked Town Council if they can use the Community Center for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Councilmember Linnie Richardson Said that would be a wonderful idea and Vice Mayor Greenlund agreed.

Councilmember Brandy Peterson made a motion to approve Taylor FFA to use Community Center May 27, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM motion was seconded by councilmember Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.

b. Ordinance 2025-01 Mobile Food Vending Vehicles 1st reading Town Planner Mark Karet

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read Ordinance 2025-01; Town planer Mark Karet explained Ordinance to the Town Council. Councilmember Linnie Richardson questioned how many food trucks are on a piece of property. Vice Mayor Greenlund asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak, Resident Heather Wood came to the podium concerned about M&E BBQ and Town Planner Mark Karet explained they are established on owned property. Missy Monk stated she has food trucks for the Saddle Club, and would this affect her from doing that, Mark Karet replied to Missy Monk with no. Mr. Letendre came to podium and explained he has had food trucks for years and they are not allowed to keep wheels of food truck in same location for more than 8 hours and the state has a law that you can't deny food trucks in which Town Attorney Scoot Simpson looked up and agreed. Mr. Glover came to the podium and told Council he thinks that they should pass the ordinance and that it would help them control the food truck situation in Pierson and give everyone a level playing field. Blair Davis from the Planning Commission stated that when it was brought to the planning commission he had agreed to the food truck ordinance but now, he would like the council to throw it out.

Councilmember Linnie R. Richardson made a motion to approve with the stipulation of 1 food truck per property, motion was seconded by councilmember Brandy Peterson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

c. Roof at bathroom at Chipper Jones Park Mayor Gray Leonhard

Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund tabled it for the next meeting because Mayor Gray Leonhard was absent.

d. Volusia Sherriff office contract and updates Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund explained to the Council that he reached out to Mike Chitwood and asked if he and his financial officer could come to a workshop to discuss the contract and Mike Chitwood agreed.

Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund made a motion to table VCSO discussion and Attorney Scott Simpson stated you can just defer to topic to workshop All agreed.

- e. Setting 30 miles-per-hour speed limit on 1st Ave Town Planner Mark Karet.

Town Planner Mark Karet stated that they can set the speed limit for 1st Ave and that if they wanted to change it that they would have to do a study. Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that everything around it is 25 MPH, and she thinks that is what it should be, Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated that they could do a resolution to set the speed limit.

The council agreed to have Town planner Mark Karet make a resolution for the speed limit on 1st Ave to 25 miles per hour. All agreed.

- f. Dead trees on US highway 17 right-of-way between Hagstrom Road and 4th Ave Councilmember Linnie R. Richardson

Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that she asked public works if they sprayed those trees with a pesticide to kill them and public works stated that the state sprayed them. Councilmember Richardson explained that the trees are dead, and she fears someone walking on the sidewalk could get injured if these trees fall. Town attorney Scoot Simpson stated that the liability law changed to hold people more accountable for their dead trees. Town attorney Simpson asked if they are on our right of way and the Council answered with it's a state road, and the town attorney suggested they contact the state about these trees and to get them removed.

The council asked that staff contact the state to see if they can remove these dead trees. All agreed.

- g. Hagstrom Road Drainage canal update Town Planner Mark Karet

Town Planner stated that in the agenda package is the study and that where they thought the drainage canal was not correct and that his office did research and found out from a historical arial photo from 1958 shows the drainage ditch somewhere else and that water was not flowing east to west but in fact west to east. Councilmember Linnie Richardson asked well what can we do and Town Planner Mark Karet stated we need to find the ditches from historical photo and work on cleaning them out and since they are historical it would not disrupt the wetlands and Department of Environmental would not have issue with it. Councilmember Richardson asked about landowners and Town Planner Mark Karet said that a few would be impacted. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated this will all be an expensive fix and Councilmember Richardson said that we can't fix it all now.

The Council asked Town Planner to find out where the ditch is in a historic arial photo on Hagstrom Road. All agreed.

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

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated he had no updates, asked Councilmember Jimmy Anderson if he had any updates, he stated that public works have been working on irrigation with Adam Braddock, and he is ready for them to look like ballfields. Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that Town Foreman Louis Longo contacted her that the bathrooms at Chipper Jones Park

were nonstop running and he had to close park bathrooms until he can get Dixon plumbing to investigate it. Councilmember Brandy Peterson said that the Vendor market has stopped for the summer because it's too hot outside. Town Attorney Scott Simpson told the Council that a new law passed about hurricanes and changing land development rules until 2027. Town Planner Mark Karet gave an update on the wastewater system at 90% and the water clearance system for well 2 is just waiting on the health department so, hopefully soon we will have them up and running. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock told the Council that the air conditioner for building 3 Rev Physical Therapy is out and it needs to be replaced. Vice Mayor stated that we need to fix it and asked Town attorney Scott Simpson if we must call an emergency for this, Town Attorney replied to Vice Mayor no. Council advised that we replace it. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock advised The Town Council that M&B tree service submitted a quote for the tree that was on a prior agenda and the council advised to put on the next agenda.

6. GOOD AND WELFARE

Christen Gandy from Barberville Pioneer Settlement thanked the Council for adding their events to the agenda and how she was looking forward to all of us working together.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund read all the upcoming events for the Town of Pierson and asked all council if they had anything else.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked if the audience had anything for the Council.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Robert F. Greenlund, Vice Mayor