



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

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7 **1. Call meeting to order**
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9 Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne
10 Braddock to take the roll call.
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12 **2. Roll call**
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14 PRESENT:

15 Mayor Gray Leonhard
16 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
17 Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
18 Councilmember Linnie Richardson
19 Councilmember Brandy Peterson
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21 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith and VCSO were not in attendance.
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23 **3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
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25 Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge
26 of Allegiance.
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28 **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Gray Leonhard**
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- 30 a. Regular meeting May 20, 2025
31 b. Workshop Meeting May 29, 2025
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33 Mayor Gray Leonhard read the title and asked if there were any additions or deletions, if not
34 he would entertain a motion for approval.
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36 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as**
37 **written; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.**
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39 **5. NEW BUSINESS**
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- 41 a. Tandem roller Pierson Airport to make runway smoother – Stan Rowe
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43 Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that due to the weather Mr. Rowe was not present and we could
44 go back to it if he arrived.
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- 46 b. Updates on Silver Glen – Kristine Wake

Kristine Wake, we had a huge win, and they can possibly do something about boat anchors if they are damaging the grass and they are regulating the music levels, and I was there for Memorial Day, and it was so quiet. Next step is to work on sound with the distance and decibel, overnight stays and people trying to claim homestead will now have to pay a slip fee like everyone else through a county ordinance. We are trying to get state money for the eel grass and the manatee club is donating state funds to help us with that since it benefits the manatee. In September we will be doing a fundraiser with a riverboat cruise with blackjack.

Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund thanked Kristine and her group for working so hard to preserve the boaters' rights. Mayor Gray Leonhard and the council also thanked them.

c. Ordinance 2025-02 second reading and a public meeting

Town attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council and audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve ordinance 2025-02 as read; seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Anderson. All Agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

d. Resolution 2025-07 Speed limit on West 1st Avenue

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the resolution and Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated its west its and not east first, all agreed and was changed to east 1st avenue. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if anyone else had anything to say and resident Mary Kay Hansen stated she thought it was 30 mph, and the council stated it was 25mph. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve resolution 2025-07 as read; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

e. Tree at Pierson Town center close to foundation quote Mayor Gray Leonhard

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated he went and looked at the tree today and the root system is running on the side of the building, and it still must go because during a hurricane it can cause a lot of damage. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated it can cause a lot of damage.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to remove tree at a cost of 2,000.00 dollars by M and B Tree Service; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

f. Airport rent first, last and security deposit – Councilmember Linnie Richardson

Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that from here on out we need to charge these new airport renters, we have a lot of issues with a renter, and this would help us recoup the loss. Mayor Gray Leonhard said this is a reasonable request, so we at least get something. He asked the Town attorney if we can amend the contract and Scott replied with a yes. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated this is for permanent tie downs at airport.

Council member Linnie Richardson made a motion to add this to the airport contract first; the last and security deposit is one month rent; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Roof on bathroom at Chipper Jones Park – Mayor Gray Leonhard (tabled 5/20/2025)

Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that the roof at the bathroom at Chipper Jones Park is in bad shape and do we need a motion or can we just fix it. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated that public works can do it and it's a small roof and he will find out from Donald Jackson the cost for the metal. Council Member Linnie Richardson explained that we did not get the grant because park and airport are all one parcel and survey had no legal description, and we need to get a survey of airport with legal description and break it off park. Town attorney Scott Simpson asked if it was CDBG and could we get one and Town Planner Mark Karet said it will be closing soon, and we could get a small one.

7. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council and staff reports)

Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he had nothing, Vice Mayor Greenlund shared that at the Barberville Settlement they taped a movie about a girl in civile war and movies name is Illusion. Council Member Jimmy Anderson said that on County Road 3 close to North Road a resident has put a bunch of garbage out to be picked up and it's been there for months, and we need to notify them to bring what they can to the dump. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock said that she just needs a address and she can send a letter to the residents. Council Member Linnie Richardson said she is good and has nothing. Council Member Brandy Peterson said that little league will be sending an email to get on the next agenda about lights at ballfields. Town Attorney Scott Simpson said he will send staff a letter used by other cities for donations and volunteers to be filled out for towns protection. Council Member Brandy Peterson also said she wants to know about increasing the town limits and Town attorney Scott Simpson said it can only be done voluntarily unless you have an enclave, and property is surrounded by town limit property. Also, nonresidents can be charged 25% more than town residents as an incentive.

Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev Cohen gave an update on wastewater treatment phase 1 and said that the new wells will be operational soon. He will be here Thursday June 5, 2025, to meet with residents.

Town Clerk gave an update on air conditioner at Rev physical therapy and that Fred Hough noticed that electrical panel was really hot and old and we needed to replace it.

141 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made an emergency motion to replace the panel**
142 **with quote from Hough electric for 1450.00; seconded by Council Member Jimmy**
143 **Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.**

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145 Mayor Gray Leonhard said that we should start inventorying all things on campus that need
146 fixed. Councilmember Linni Richardson Stated that we need to put on next budget a small
147 generator to run office.

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149 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if anyone in the audience had anything to say and then
150 announced the town events and the next meeting dates.

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154 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.**

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156 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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160 Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor

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