



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM  
PIERSON TOWN HALL**

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## **1. Call meeting to order**

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

## **2. Roll call**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett  
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund  
Councilmember Sergia Cardenas  
Councilmember Linnie Richardson  
Councilmember Brandy Peterson

Also present were Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith, Utility Clerk Marci Nichols, Town Planner Mark Karet, and a deputy from Volusia Sheriff's Office. Town Attorney Christian Waugh was absent.

## **3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bennett gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **4. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett**

- a. Regular Meeting May 28, 2024

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

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

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Quote for sidewalk at Limitless discussion and action – Brandy Peterson – Councilwoman

Councilmember Brandy Peterson said she obtained a quote from Right On Concrete to repair the sidewalk at Limitless Repair, 162 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Vice

47 Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that the quote seemed too high and pointed out that the  
48 proposed square footage on the quote was larger than the area of sidewalk that would need  
49 to be replaced. Vice Mayor Greenlund asked if the quote could be clarified and if additional  
50 quotes could be obtained.

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52 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund moved to table this item until additional quotes could**  
53 **be obtained and the square footage on the quote from Right On Concrete could be**  
54 **clarified; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion carries.**

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56 b. Volusia County Sheriff 4<sup>th</sup> of July Request discussion and action – Linnie R.  
57 Richardson – Councilwoman

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59 Councilmember Linnie Richardson advised that the Town had paid for four additional Volusia  
60 County Sheriff deputies in previous years for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Councilmember  
61 Richardson felt that it was only necessary to have two additional deputies for six hours each.  
62 The Council discussed traffic control and it was clarified that the two hired deputies would be  
63 in addition to the Town’s usual contracted deputy.

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65 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to hire two additional deputies for**  
66 **six hours, from 4:00 PM to 10:00PM, on July 4th; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert**  
67 **Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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69 c. Roof Repair or Replacement for Various Buildings at New Town Center  
70 discussion and action – Linnie R. Richardson – Councilwoman

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72 Councilmember Linnie Richardson obtained a quote in the amount of \$25,000.00 from JTF  
73 Renovations to re-roof Building 3 in metal, replace all soffit and fascia, and repair leaks in  
74 the roofs of Building 2 and Building 5. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked for the square  
75 footage on Building 3. Vice Mayor Greenlund stated that the quote seemed high and asked  
76 for another quote. Vice Mayor Greenlund suggested obtaining a quote from Sotelo Roofing  
77 in Crescent City.

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79 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table this item so that more quotes**  
80 **could be obtained; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion**  
81 **carries.**

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83 d. Charles Gay quote for Chipper Jones Park sod and fence discussion and action  
84 – Linnie R. Richardson – Councilwoman

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86 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to table this item because the quote**  
87 **from Charles Gay had not yet been received; seconded by Councilmember Sergia**  
88 **Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

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90 e. Generator at wells serviced for Hurricane Season discussion and action – Linnie  
91 R. Richardson – Councilwoman

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93 Councilmember Richardson asked about servicing the generators at the wells before  
94 Hurricane Season to ensure their functionality. Mayor Samuel Bennett said it should be done.  
95 Vice Mayor Greenlund said generators only need to be serviced every 300 hours and he  
96 thought Rusty Peterson had serviced it recently, but that the Town should verify with Mr.  
97 Peterson.

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99 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to have Rusty Peterson check both**  
100 **generators and service them, if needed; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas.**  
101 **All agreed; motion carries.**

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103 f. Chipper Jones Park playground equipment, picnic tables, and ADA complaint  
104 via email discussion and action – Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock

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106 Deputy Clerk Yvonne Braddock read a complaint email received by the Town regarding the  
107 condition of the playground at Chipper Jones Park. The email stated that equipment was  
108 broken and rusted, there were no ADA-compliant structures, and the swings were damaged.  
109 Ms. Braddock said she was advised by the Town Attorney that the Town should take these  
110 matters seriously. The Council agreed to assess the condition of the playground and discuss  
111 it at the next meeting.

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113 g. Town signage discussion and action – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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115 Mayor Samuel Bennett stated that the old Town Hall sign at 106 N. Center St was confusing  
116 to residents and people were still visiting the address thinking it was Town Hall. Mayor  
117 Bennett asked if Councilmember Linnie Richardson could contact Surety Bank CEO Ryan  
118 James and obtain permission to remove the sign from their property if the bank does not have  
119 plans to renovate the sign soon.

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121 h. Updates by Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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123 Mayor Bennett said that he met with SGS Contracting and the new water wells are almost  
124 complete. Mayor Bennett said the new wells needed water chlorination testing and permanent  
125 fencing installed. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated that SGS Contracting and Biometrics had  
126 been discussing the required water testing via email.

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128 Mayor Bennett reminded the Town that there would be painting, cleaning, and the installation  
129 of a new vent and mixing system at the water tower beginning June 17, 2024.

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131 i. Updates on Town Projects from Town Attorney Christian Waugh

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133 Town Attorney Christian Waugh was absent.

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135 j. Updates on Town Projects from Town Planner Mark Karet

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137 Mr. Karet stated that a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting had been scheduled for  
138 Tuesday, June 25, 2024, to review changes to the Town’s sign ordinances and to discuss a  
139 meeting start time change for future meetings.

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## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ADA Compliance at Community Center (tabled 5/28/2024) – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith obtained a quote from John Taylor of Taylor Homes & Contracting in the amount of \$23,400.00 to remodel a portion of the kitchen and bathroom at the Community Center. These renovations would ensure an ADA-compliant bathroom. Mr. Smith discussed the changes that would occur during the remodel and asked the Council for a consensus regarding the changes before proceeding with more quotes. Vice Mayor Greenlund and Mayor Bennett said they would like to visit the Community Center before any decisions are made.

The Council discussed renting an ADA-compliant portable toilet for the elections which are held at the Community Center.

**Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to rent an ADA-compliant portable toilet for the election dates and re-paint the ADA parking area; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion carries.**

- b. Municode (tabled 5/28/2024) – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith said he received clarification on the quote presented at the prior meeting and that the total for the Municode online codification for the Town Ordinances and Land Development Regulations would be \$4,890.00 annually with a 25% discount for the first year, or \$3,667.50. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that it was the recommendation of the Council from the previous workshop that the service be approved.

**Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the Municode quote of \$3,667.50 for the first year of service and \$4,890.00 annually thereafter; seconded by Councilmember Brandy Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.**

- c. Travis Roach/Extreme Welding quote for Rodeo Grounds bleachers discussion and action (tabled 5/28/2024) – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Mayor Bennett received a quote from Travis Roach of Extreme Welding Works in the amount of \$9,206.65 to weld new metal railings on the tall sections of the rodeo bleachers. The Council asked if additional quotes could be received. Councilmember Brandy Peterson asked resident Mary Kay Hansen, who was in attendance, if she could obtain a quote from her husband, Chris Hansen, for new bleachers. Mrs. Hansen said that she would ask for a price and mentioned that the speedway rented bleacher sections. Mayor Bennett said that the Lion's Club had considered renting bleachers for the rodeo at their expense.

**Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to table this item until additional quotes could be obtained; seconded by Councilmember Brandy Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.**

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## 7. OTHER BUSINESS (Council and Staff Reports)

189 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund summarized the DRA discussions from the previous workshop  
190 regarding DRA actions, reasonable times to allow residents to bring violations into  
191 compliance, and clarification that the Planning & Zoning Commission would serve as the  
192 board of adjustment. Vice Mayor Greenlund asked to add the DRA to the next agenda for  
193 final Council approval.

194 Councilmember Sergia Cardenas gave an overview of her trip to Washington, D.C. as a  
195 member of the Florida League of Cities. Councilmember Cardenas said the trip's goal was to  
196 speak with legislators about three specific items affecting municipalities in Florida:

- 197 • The chemical pollutant perfluorooctanesulfonic (PFOS) acid in water. This chemical  
198 is a byproduct of manufacturing items such as plastic packaging and is found in water  
199 supplies, especially around military bases. Florida League of Cities is asking the  
200 legislators to grant more funds to municipalities to clean up these chemicals. The  
201 League would also like to see verbiage in legislation that would protect municipalities  
202 and instead hold the companies which manufacture these products accountable.  
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- 204 • The simplification of grants. Many larger cities can pay grant writers, but smaller  
205 municipalities cannot compete due to budgetary limitations. The League is asking for  
206 the simplification of grant application forms to make them more accessible. Florida  
207 League of Cities also offers grant writing services. Councilmember Cardenas also  
208 spoke with Congressman Mike Waltz who said he would write a letter of support for  
209 the Town when applying for grants.  
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- 211 • The National Flood Insurance Program. The League would like the program to adhere  
212 to insurance principles to keep premiums affordable for citizens, as well as updating  
213 their state flood maps.

214 Councilmember Cardenas said she spoke with a CEO for Halifax Health at an event, and  
215 Halifax expressed interest in the use of a building at the Town Center for an urgent care  
216 facility.

217 Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that the Kubota mower used by Public Works was  
218 inoperable. Councilmember Richardson had the mower evaluated by Rusty Peterson who said  
219 it needed a radiator. Mr. Peterson found three broken motor mounts, as well as missing  
220 brackets, hose clamps, and bolts. Mr. Peterson supplied a quote of \$2,295.30. Resident Kelly  
221 Green asked how much a new mower would cost. Councilmember Richardson and Vice  
222 Mayor Greenlund said it would be somewhere between \$18,000.00 and \$22,000.00.

223 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to declare the Kubota mower**  
224 **repair an emergency item; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed;**  
225 **motion carries.**

226 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to approve the repair quote of**  
227 **\$2,295.30; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion carries.**

228 Councilmember Brandy Peterson stated that Limitless Repair fixed a Public Works truck in  
229 approximately one hour after buying the necessary parts locally at NAPA. Public Works  
230 suggested to Limitless Repair that when working on Town trucks and equipment, parts can  
231 be purchased locally.

232 Councilmember Peterson asked Mayor Bennett for the number of hamburgers needed for the  
233 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Mayor Bennett said he would find that information. Deputy Clerk Ryan  
234 Smith said pricing had been obtained for funnel cakes from M & E BBQ and that the funnel  
235 cakes would be ordered this week.

236 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (Public Participation)**

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240 **9. ADJOURNED**

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242 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.**

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244 Minutes prepared by:

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Ryan Smith, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

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Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor