



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 – 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 Town Planner Mark Karet, Deputy Clerk Marci Nichols as well as representatives from the Volusia County Sheriff's office. Town Attorney Christian Waugh was excused 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 Bennett**

- a. Regular Meeting May 23, 2023

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. **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01 Public Hearing Second Reading**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIERSON, FLORIDA,  
CREATING SECTION 15-10 OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND INTENT;  
PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR

47 PROHIBITED CONDUCT, PROXIMITY AND LOCATION  
48 RESTRICTIONS FOR SOLICITATION, PANHANDLING OR  
49 BEGGING; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR  
50 INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
51 EFFECTIVE DATE. (Tabled 4/25/2023)  
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53 Vice Mayor Greenlund recommended tabling this item until Mr. Waugh can be present.  
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55 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table this item until Legal Counsel is**  
56 **present; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion carries.**  
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58 b. Town of Pierson Food Truck/Car Show – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett  
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60 Mayor Bennett stated that he wanted to check with the Council to make sure that there are no  
61 schedules in conflict. Mayor Bennett should have more details about the event’s itinerary by  
62 the next meeting.  
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64 c. Town of Pierson 8th Annual Christmas Celebration December 2, 2023- Mayor  
65 Samuel G.S. Bennett  
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67 Mayor Bennett stated that last year’s celebration was held on the first Saturday in December  
68 and Mrs. Braddock advised that Deland is holding their Christmas Parade on the same day.  
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70 Discussion ensued.  
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72 Ms. Robin Green stated that she has item j on the agenda about this subject and the Council  
73 agreed to hear it now.  
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75 Ms. Green spoke on their Christmas event from last year and that her organization would like  
76 to partner with the Town for the 2023 Christmas festivities. Ms. Green elaborated on the  
77 preferred location and the itinerary.  
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79 Mayor Bennett suggested tabling this discussion until he can get some feedback from local  
80 parents.  
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82 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table this item until the next regular**  
83 **Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion**  
84 **carries.**  
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86 d. Animal Control Issues in Town of Pierson – Linnie R. Richardson –  
87 Councilwoman  
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89 Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that a recent situation with an injured cat found by  
90 a resident, might result in a hefty bill for the Town. Councilmember Richardson suggested  
91 coming up with regulations so that this would not happen again.  
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93 Discussion ensued to wait for the bill but to look that the animal control ordinance and to  
94 revisit this issue then.

95 e. Purchase file cabinets for Town Hall – Linnie R. Richardson – Councilwoman

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97 Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that filing cabinets are needed for better  
98 organization. Discussion ensued.

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100 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to purchase two (2) four drawer,**  
101 **steel lateral, filing cabinets from Wayfair for \$359.99 each plus \$103.99 assembly each;**  
102 **seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

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104 f. Charles Gay contract/Approve Work with Town of Pierson – Linnie R.  
105 Richardson – Councilwoman

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107 Councilmember Richardson stated that Mr. Gray is interested in doing emergency tree work  
108 and that he had presented a contract listing all the costs.

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110 Discussion ensued about a rotating contract and insurance requirements.

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112 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made the motion to approve Charles Gay as the**  
113 **Town’s regular/emergency tree service, contingent he provides the Council with his**  
114 **proper insurance certificates; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed;**  
115 **motion carries.**

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117 Councilmember Peterson inquired how other contractors can get on the list. Discussion  
118 ensued.

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120 Mayor Bennett stated that there are some areas in Town that need trimming and debris  
121 removal and Mr. Gay quoted to do both locations for \$600. The locations in question are 2<sup>nd</sup>  
122 Ave and Short Street.

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124 **Councilmember Sergia Cardenas made the motion to approve Charles Gay to perform**  
125 **complete tree work in the two locations for \$600; seconded by Councilmember Linnie**  
126 **Richardson. All agreed; motion carries**

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128 g. Update New Town Center – Linnie R. Richardson – Councilwoman

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130 Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that she spoke with the local contractors to finish  
131 the remaining items.

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133 h. Duke Energy 4th of July Donations/sponsorship – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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135 Mayor Bennett stated that Duke Energy has donated items for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities as  
136 giveaways.

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138 Discussion ensued about what has been completed and what is still needed including what  
139 organizations are participating.

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141 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to allow Twilight Farms to set up a**

142 **Petting Zoo and riding area with a 10x10 area for \$25 and a 20x40 area for \$75.00;**  
143 **seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion carries**

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145 i. Pierson Community Association community garden clean up – Robin Green

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147 Ms. Robin Green stated that the Community Association would like to volunteer to clean up  
148 the gardens.

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150 The Council is in favor and discussion ensued about costs to haul off some of the trash.

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152 j. Pierson Community Association 2023 Christmas Festival – Robin Green

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154 Covered under item 5. c

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156 k. MMA Hispanic Festival October 2023 – Maria Valdevia

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158 The representative was not able to attend.

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160 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table this item until the next regular**  
161 **Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Linnie Richardson. All agreed; motion**  
162 **carries.**

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164 l. Updates by Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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166 Mayor Bennett updated on

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- 168 • Meeting with SGS construction company for new water plant, possibly operational by  
169 August
- 170 • Zev Cohen is working with the Town in regards to different inspections. Mr. Karet  
171 with Zev Cohen elaborated on the inspections
- 172 • Fenced in area at Community Center needs some attention now that the waterline has  
173 been placed

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174 m. Update of Town Projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney – Christian  
175 Waugh

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177 Not present

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179 n. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev  
180 Cohen

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182 Mr. Karet spoke on

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- 184 • Being on site 6/15/23 to meet with potential applicants and permit review
- 185 • Wastewater plant design continuing on schedule, still providing information to the  
186 School board
- 187 • 6/20/23 P&Z meeting

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189 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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193 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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195 a. Council and staff reports.

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197 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund updated on the well pump at the new High School. Looks like  
198 that a condition in the electrical box caused the issue.

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200 Councilmember Sergia Cardenas stated

201 • that the WWII tugboat will be relocated and that she will bring back more information  
202 once it has been moved.

203 • River of Lakes is looking for Town's to allow them to place murals. Discussion ensued  
204 about possible locations and Councilmember Cardenas stated that she would reach out  
205 to some organizations.

206 • Juneteenth will be celebrated this Saturday

207 Councilmember Linnie Richardson stated that on the east side fence by Pierson Discount and  
208 17, new banners have been put up by businesses which cause additional sight hazards.  
209 Discussion ensued to have them moved north.

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211 Councilmember Brandy Peterson suggested removing the fence at the New Town Center.  
212 Discussion ensued that removing the fence is a possibility, but to wait until after the security  
213 cameras have been installed.

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215 Town Clerk and had no additional comments.

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217 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)**

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219 Discussion ensued about

220 • The status for the agitator for the new water tower. Has been approved and purchase  
221 is moving forward.

222 • The status for the generator. Has been ordered.

223 • Aligning the budget with the help of the auditor is in process

224 • Methodist Church is looking for help with the Food pantry

225 • Clerk's office has done a great job in getting the office area organized

226 • Single wide mobile home sitting between two houses on CR3

227 • City Limit signs in bad shape

228 • Ditches filled up with dirt that need to be cleaned out

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230 Missy with the Saddle Club asked for permission to pour a concrete slap connecting to the  
231 existing building at their own expense. Discussion ensued and the Council is in agreement.

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233 Jeremy Mull introduced his Florida based company that works with the American Disability  
234 Act.

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236 **9. ADJOURNED**

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238 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.**

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240 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

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Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor

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