



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1 **1. Call meeting to order**
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3 Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne
4 Braddock to take the roll call.
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6 **2. Roll call**
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8 PRESENT:

9 Mayor Gray Leonhard
10 Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
11 Councilmember Linnie Richardson
12 Councilmember Brandy Peterson
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14 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund was not in attendance and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith was in
15 attendance.
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17 **3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
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19 Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of
20 Allegiance.
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22 **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Mayor Gray Leonhard**
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24 **Motion was made by Council Member Linnie Richardson to approve minutes at the next**
25 **meeting July 15,2025 for meeting minutes June 17, 2025, and Workshop minutes from**
26 **meeting June 26, 2025, motion was seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All**
27 **agreed motion carries.**
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30 **5. NEW BUSINESS**
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32 a. Library parking lot and playground – Lucinda Colee
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34 Lucinda Colle stated that they are very close just waiting on shelving and furniture. They have
35 hired 4 new employees for this location and are looking at an August opening. They are looking
36 to have a parking lot with 24 spaces and 2 ADA compliant handicap parking spots. The parking
37 lot will consist of crushed shell. The playground will be fenced in and only accessible through the
38 library. They received an echo grant to cover 50% of the project and library services will cover the
39 rest. The hours for the library have not been set yet but they are looking to be open on Saturdays

40 as well. They will also have two Student workers at this location. Lucinda stated they were not
41 granted access across school board property because the school board will be selling that property.
42 We will also be placing large letters on the side of the building visible from US highway 17.
43 Lucinda also stated that other buildings back there will have access. Town Planner Mark Karet
44 stated that we would still have to follow the land Development code and take this to the Planning
45 board so then it can be brought to the Council. Mayor Gray Leonhard said that we should follow
46 the rules and Mark Karet said we will get her an application.

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49 b. Food Truck Ordinance 2025-01 Public Meeting and a second reading

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51 Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the Ordinance and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if
52 they have any questions. He proceeded to ask the public if they had any questions. Town Planner
53 Mark Karet stated that they made the changes requested by the council from two food trucks to
54 one.

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56 Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he would entertain a motion for Ordinance 2025-01

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58 **Council member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve ordinance 2025-02 as read;**
59 **seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Anderson. All Agreed, roll call vote taken and motion**
60 **carries.**

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63 c. Christmas Event Discussion – Council member Linnie R. Richardson

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66 My dear husband Paul thought up an idea to involve all the churches in the area and invite all their
67 choirs to come here and sing a few songs and we could have coffee and cocoa and cookies. Mayor
68 Gray Leonhard stated that his church does not have a choir and resident Lester Pulley said that his
69 church no longer has a choir but knows that they have musicians and singers. Mayor Gray
70 Leonhard said he would talk to his pastor and council member Jimmy Anderson said he would talk
71 to his church.

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73 d. 4th of July discussion – Council member Linnie R. Richardson

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76 Council member Linnie Richardson stated that Paul would not be able to do the funnel cakes this
77 year and with her surgery on her face she may not be able to do much and that she thinks all staff
78 should work in the concession stand. Discussion ensued, Council Member Brandy Peterson asked
79 about the vendors and Utility Clerk Marci Nichols replied the have to be set up by 3:30 PM. Town
80 Clerk Yvonne Braddock stated that Mike Braddock would be doing the funnel cakes. Council
81 member Jimmy Anderson said he thinks that they should give the employees half of the day on
82 Thursday so that they can rest prior to the 4th of July. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that
83 she knows a lot of governments are doing that, but we keep discussing money and now you want
84 to give a paid half of day off. Discussion ensued. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that we have to
85 have Public Works back on Saturday to clean everything up and Utility Clerk Marci Nichols stated

86 that if not things will walk off. Town Foreman Louis Longo stated that we could come in for a few
87 hours and clean up and put table and chairs up and take things left over to the town center freezer.

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89 **Council member Brandy Peterson made a motion to approve ½ a day on Thursday for**
90 **employees; seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Anderson. All Agreed, motion carries.**

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94 **6. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council and staff reports)**

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96 Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he had no other business except a meeting with Pete Glover and Fidel
97 Velazquez. Town Planner asked if Wednesday at 10 AM would work, the mayor agreed. Council
98 member Jimmy Anderson stated he had nothing but glad green tractor going to auction because it
99 froze up on them again. Linnie Richardson had nothing to discuss at this time. Councilmember
100 Brandy Peterson brought up that She spoke with Kevin Vaughn and he suggested we do a
101 workshop with FHP and himself to help farmers in area get a certificate for their trucks that carry
102 fern and produce. Councilmember Brandy Peterson stated she could let people know of the day
103 and ask them to come, Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he did not have a problem with that. Mayor
104 Gray Leonhard asked Town Attorney Scott Simpson if he had anything and Scott replied with no.
105 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town Planner if he had anything and Mark replied yes and that he
106 would be here Thursday to discuss land use with residents. He gave an update on the water plant,
107 he also discussed Hagstrom road drainage and that they need to collect the points with gps and talk
108 to residents and that clerks' office needs to try and reach out to find phone numbers for residents
109 involved with the drainage on Hagstrom. Town Planner also stated we don't need their permission
110 but it's always a good idea to notify them. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked staff if they had anything.
111 And Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated that Stanly Rowe a renter at the airport would like to row
112 the airport runway and it would be free of charge and that we do have an airport inspection coming
113 up and could ask inspector if it looks good and Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he would ask. Town
114 Planner Scott Simpson reminded them that he will need to fill out a volunteer form.

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117 The mayor read off next meetings and the events for the town of Pierson.

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119 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.**

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121 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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125 Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor