



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 6:30 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 was in attendance and Volusia County Sheriff was not present.
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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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29 **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Gray Leonhard**
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31 a. Regular Meeting August 19, 2025

32 Mayor Gray Leonhard read the title and asked if there were any additions or deletions, if
33 not he would entertain a motion for approval.
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35 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as**
36 **written; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.**
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38 **5. NEW BUSINESS**
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40 a. Updates from Community Traffic Safety Team meeting – Lester Pulley
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42 Lester Pulley 363 N Pine Street. Super speed laws in effect, arrested one-person County
43 Road 3 going 105 MPH. Sun Rail all good. From last year's 54 fatalities there has been a
44 21% decrease.
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b. Ordinance 2025-10 859 N. US Highway 17 Torres Annexation 1st reading

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the Annexation and property location. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the ordinance 2025-10 as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

c. Ordinance 2025-11 859 N. US Highway 17 Torres Future Land Use Map Amendment 1st reading

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the Future land use Amendment and property location. Discussion ensued, Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the ordinance 2025-11 as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

d. Ordinance 2025-12 859 N. US Highway 17 Torres Rezoning 1st reading

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the rezoning to b-2 heavy industrial and property location. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the ordinance 2025-12 as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

e. Ordinance 2025-13 116 w 1st Ave Pierson Town Center 1st reading Town Planner Mark Karet

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the Future land use Amendment and property location. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the ordinance 2025-13 as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

f. Ordinance 2025-14 116 w 1st Ave Pierson Town Center Rezoning – 1st read
Town Planner Mark Karet

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance title and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the rezoning and property location. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the ordinance 2025-14 as written; seconded by Council Member Brandy Peterson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

g. Senate Bill 180 Discussion -Councilmember Linnie Richardson

Council member Linnie Richardson started off with property regulations that will be limited by SB 180 and asked Town planner Mark Karet to speak about it. Discussion ensued and Council Member Linnie Richardson asked Town attorney if he could draft a resolution, Scott responded with it couldn't hurt. Scott will make a resolution.

Disruption from town resident Eric Jonson and Mayor and Vice Mayor asked him to quiet down and that at end of meeting he will have a chance to speak.

h. FRDAP Grant Application and Resolution – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that he held a FRDAP public meeting at 5 PM and he explained that FRDAP grant was not given out last year and that he has had a hard time getting a hold of Fred Fox. Discussion ensued and he told the council that the town already has a ready designation title and will recycle submission letters from last year.

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith read the resolution title and explained they have to vote on two items. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion

Council Member Brandy Petrson made a motion to approve the Resolution 2025-10 as written; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the quote Assistance at 1660.00 as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, roll call vote taken and motion carries.

i. Chipper Jones Park Playground discussion – Council Member Brandy Peterson

Council Member Brandy Peterson started off with the playground equipment that we discussed prior needs to come out including the poles and concrete and then mulch needs to be added. Discussion ensued and Council Member Brandy Peterson asked if we could close playground down for 30 days to remove, pressure wash etc.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve closing the park for 30 days: seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, and motion carries.

Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that this should happen immediately, Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated they will start tomorrow and lock the gates.

j. Amending Tree Removal regulations- Council Member Linnie Richardson

Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that they had an issue with a commercial business owner in the town of Pierson clearing trees and the land on Sunday and digging in a retention pond. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that he went to property and told them to stop working and at that time noticed that the tractor was in the pond. Then he noticed that on the property that the tractor was in the pond. Town Planner Mark Karet explained that he needs a site plan if he is planning on removing a bunch of stuff. Mayor Leonhard continued that they are not using the tractor to grab. Council Member Linnie Richardson asked if he could be fined or have restore the trees that were removed. Town Planner Mark Karet stated that per land development code and the site plan approval they will have to plant new trees. Town Planner Mark Karet stated that he will need to get an arborist report to proceed with the four water oaks. Vice Mayor and Council Member Jimmy Anderson state water oaks root systems go out and not down and blow over in the wind when they get hollow it's over. Now the live oak will live forever. Resident Denise Colflesh asked if we have a arborist in town? Mayor Gray Leonhard responded that he does not think we do. Property owner Chris Wilcott addressed council that he was not trying to dig up the pond they were digging rotten trees at edge and tractor slid into retention pond. He was not trying to hide anything. I am trying to do this the right way. Town Planner Mark Karet stated that you need to get a site plan to proceed with doing anything else on the property. Property Owner Chris Wilcott stated that all the water oaks are hollow and is has concerns for his lively hood and business.

k. FY 2025-2026 insurance package Renewal- Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated good news policy went down \$2000, discussion ensued. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the council if they had anything else to say. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve insurance packet for 2025-26 ; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, and motion carries.

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

Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he has no updates at this time. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated his concern with County Road 3 and west Hagstrom being cleaned up. Council Member Jimmy Anderson had no updates. Council Member Linnie Richardson brought up email from May to Mayor Gray Leonhard about storing Town of Pierson Evidence. Council Member Linnie Richardson asked should we contact the state attorney. Town Attorney stated maybe after contract has ended. Town Planner gave update, and he will be back Thursday to meet with residents about their zoning questions. Town staff did not have anything.

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor