



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

Mayor Gray Leonhard
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
Councilmember Linnie Richardson
Councilmember Brandy Peterson

Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith and the Volusia County Sheriff were also in attendance.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Gray Leonhard

a. Regular Meeting minutes October 7, 2025

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

Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation -Domestic Abuses Awareness Month- Mayor Gray Leonhard

Town Attorney Scott E. Simpson read proclamation in full, Mayor Gray Leonhard said a few words and signed proclamation.

b. Ordinance 2025-14 2nd Reading

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37 Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance 2025-14 and Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town
38 Planner if he had anything to add and Mark Karet stated it's a 2nd read of the rezoning of Town
39 Center. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything that they wanted to say.
40 Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

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42 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-14 at its 2nd**
43 **reading as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed, roll call vote**
44 **taken, motion carries.**

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46 c. Scoreboards at Chipper Jones Park Ball Fields – Northwest Volusia Little League

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48 Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock read email to council good afternoon due to practices and games,
49 I may not have a representative to attend the meeting this evening regarding the scoreboards. Can
50 you please ask the council to let us know if they approve us getting scoreboard replaced at no
51 cost to the town of Pierson, we just wanted permission to do so? Council stated they had no
52 problem with that and that they give their blessing. They only requested that they see a photo of
53 it.

54 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything that they wanted to say. Mayor
55 Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

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57 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve Scoreboards at Chipper Jones**
58 **Park; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.**

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60 d. Proposed Pickleball Court- Mary Kay Hansen

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62 Mary Kay started off with the tennis courts at North Road Park if they could convert that into a
63 pickle ball court and her husband Chris will paint the lines. Discussion ensued and Mary Kay
64 stated if the Town would buy the net. Council asked if she could bring them quotes for the net.
65 Town Attorney Scott Simpson asked if they fill out a volunteer form.

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67 e. Airport Management RFP – Town Planner Mark Karet

68 Town Planner Mark Karet Started off discussing the airport and the RFP for someone to run the
69 airport since we have decided to keep airport open for another year. This RFP will see if anyone
70 wants to develop this airport and that means they could bring fuel in and add hangers etc. They
71 would also be the liaison for the FFA. This RFP will show their proposal for the airport and then
72 council can decide from there. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked where proposal will go, Town
73 Planner Mark Karet stated it will be on Demand Star, you pay nothing to post on that site.
74 Discussion ensued with timeline. Town Planner Mark Karet stated time frame will be 30-45
75 days, Deputy clerk Ryan smith clarified wait until the New Year and bring to meeting January 6,
76 2025.

77 f. Sleep Ordinance Discussion – Town Attorney Scott Simpson

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79 Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance that another town used, and steps Lake Helen
80 took to be following the law. Discussion ensued and will be brought back as an ordinance. Vice
81 Mayor Robert Greenlund wanted to make sure this would not affect people who come to the rodeo.
82 This is for homeless and homeless camps. Next agenda Trespass ordinance.

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84 g. Speed Bump on 3rd Avenue – Council Member Brandy Peterson

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86 Council Member Brandy Peterson started off she received a call from a resident that hit the speed
87 bump, and his head hit the roof of his truck so, I asked public works to remove it and place it in
88 their yard. She asked Scott, “can they impede a public right of way”. Town Attorney Scott Simpson
89 stated no they cannot not and glad you didn’t just take it. A letter needs to be sent telling them that
90 it’s unlawful to put anything in the public right of way and take the speed bump away and put it in
91 the barn. Mayor Gray Leonhard said that sounds like a good idea. Town Planner stated that you
92 have to follow specific specifications and follow FDOT regulations. Discussion ensued. Town
93 Attorney Scott Simpson stated, and cost can be significant for a speed bump. Deputy Clerk Ryan
94 Smith said in Palm Coast had speed limit was changed to 25mph all neighbors had to agree, and it
95 would go on a mail in ballot. Council Member Linnie Richardson that would relieve town of any
96 liability. Discussion ensued on speeding in Pierson and primarily after school. Town Attorney
97 read a law 316-2045 and asked if we know the resident, Council Member Brandy Peterson said
98 yes, I do.
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100 h. Quote Volusia County Road and Bridge for continued storm repairs on North Road
101 -Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

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103 Mayor Gray Leonhard started with the edge of North Road washing away, Volusia County Road
104 and Bridge can fix it and it would be \$14,000 to fix it. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated this needs to
105 be fixed. Resident Rick Davis asked to describe the quote cost. Council Member Brandy Peterson
106 said is for fill dirt and basically the use of their equipment. That’s a high quote for dirt that will
107 just wash away again. Resident Rick Davis stated he has an idea with railroad ties. Vice Mayor
108 Robert Greenlund agreed that something is going to have to hold the dirt in, Rick Davis replied
109 that’s where the railroad ties come in.

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111 **Councilmember Linnie Richardson made a motion to table until they spoke with Louis**
112 **Trivett at the County of Volusia. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All**
113 **agreed, motion carries.**

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115 i. Quote from Volusia County Road and Bridge for removal of Culvert on East
116 Washington Ave Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

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118 Mayor Gray Leonhard started off with culvert that needs to be removed, and it needs to be filled
119 with dirt and repaved. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith said that Louis Trivett came out and sent a camera
120 down and it isn’t lined up with the manhole. School board says water doesn’t flow in their direction
121 and won’t do anything. So, it’s been suggested by Volusia County Louis Trivett to remove it and
122 fill it with dirt. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he believes it was put in in the 1960’s. Town attorney

123 Scott Simpson said he would feel better if notification is sent to the School Board about the
124 removal of the culvert and explain what we are doing so later on when water backs up on the
125 school's property, they were aware of this. Mark Kret said he knows we have correspondence with
126 the school board he will have to search for it. Discussion ensued.

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128 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to table culvert on East Washington Ave**
129 **and motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Grennlund. All agreed, motion carries.**
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132 j. Quote from Grime Stoppers to clean wood paneling, windows, tables and floors in
133 cafeteria – Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith
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135 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith started working on buildings in town center campus where the
136 cafeteria can be used for so many meetings, bingo etc. Closing the kitchen part off and painting
137 the paneling, maybe \$5,000 to get it usable. Floors need to be striped and polished, windows
138 need cleaned. Council member Brandy Peterson stated it can be a multipurpose room, and we
139 can do League of Cities here. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund agreed to clean it up and utilize it.
140 Mayor Gray Leonhard also agreed it can be utilized for several things. Resident Rick Davis
141 asked that he be given the square footage of the room and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith agreed to
142 email it to him.

143 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve Grime Stoppers at \$1,700.00 to**
144 **clean up cafeteria. Motion was seconded by Brandy Peterson. All agreed, motion carries.**

- 145 k. Notice of Intent advertisement for solid waste Non-Ad Valorem Assessment –
146 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

147 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith started off with it must be advertised for 4 consecutive weeks and we
148 would do it by resolution. Discussion ensued.

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150 l. Town Christmas Dinner – Council Member Brandy Peterson

151 Council Member Brandy Peterson Started off with we should have it catered and do it in the
152 cafeteria this year and Mayor Gray Leonhard and council agreed.

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154 m. Christmas Event- Council Member Brandy Peterson

155 Council Member Brandy Peterson started off with we discussed prior to having a Christmas
156 event and I would like to do a workshop to discuss this and getting everyone in town involved
157 including the churches and businesses in the area. I am thinking December 13, 2025, from 3-8
158 PM and the vendor market will be here. Having 15-20 trees and a toys for tots box and a mailbox
159 for letters to Santa and Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he had mailbox, and we can write letters

back to the kids. Mayor Gray Leonhard said it's a good idea that way we can all put our heads together. Council discussed when to have it and agreed on Monday October 27th at 6:30 PM.

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

Mayor Gray Leonhard stated that the library will be hosting a trick or treat on October 31st. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund gave update on sidewalk at Chipper Jones Park. Council Member Linnie Richardson started with the lights on cell tower are still out, Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he notified FFA and a notum has been seen out. Linnie stated they have been out since September 9, 2025. Council Member Brandy Peterson had nothing. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated he will be bringing the Volusia County Sheriff back next agenda. Town Planner Mark Karet stated he was here on 10/16/2025 to meet with residents and one of the residents is looking to clear a road in Flanico Estates to get to his property. He is a contractor, and he will do it to town specifications.

Resident Denise Colflesh asked for Town Planner to Clarify 3rd Ave and 3rd Street. Town Planner Mark Karet explained it and stated he will probably get a county road 3 address from 911. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked Town Planner Mark Karet about annexations and someone that lives across a body of water. Discussion ensued.

7. GOOD AND WELFARE (Public Participation)

Resident Lester Pulley stated that about sidewalk at Chipper Jones it may have been crushed by Fire Department. Mayor Gray Leonhard said he was notified of four wheelers driving through the park and if the sheriff's office can keep an eye out, they agreed. Mayor Gray Leonhard also stated the potholes filled in third well they only filled in two of them and it was done poorly so if staff can contact them to come fix them.

Mayor Gray Leonhard read off the events happening around town and heard no further business meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor