



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.  
PIERSON TOWN HALL**

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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and asked Town Clerk Carmen Spelorzi to call roll.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett  
Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund  
Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee  
Councilmember Sergia Cardenas  
Councilmember Gray Leonhard

Also present were representatives from the VCSO. Town Attorney Christian Waugh and Town Planner Mark Karet were excused absent.

## **3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

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

## **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mayor Samuel Bennett**

- a. Regular Meeting      October 12, 2021
- b. Workshop Meeting    October 14, 2021

Mayor Bennett entertained a motion for approval if there are no deletions or additions.

**Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund All agreed; motion carries.**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Complaint – Pollution on pond behind property on S Volusia Ave & North Rd – Resident Francisco Torres

This item was tabled until the next Council meeting as the resident was not present.

**Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item until the next Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries.**

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b. New Town Center Cafeteria / Community Center - - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Mayor Bennett spoke on recent bookings and that it all worked beautifully and the renters were pleased. Mayor Bennett stated that the VCSB offered up tables to be moved to the new Town Center/cafeteria but chairs will need to be purchased.

Discussion ensued about the type of chairs, possibly getting the donated by American Legion, security deposit and fee schedule for rental.

Councilmember Sergia Cardenas would like to have a workshop. Mayor Bennett stated that the move to the New Town Center depends on getting the insurance in place.

Resident Sue Elliott is in favor of a workshop to create a plan of action to address all the loose ends.

The Council agreed to hold a workshop on 11/18/21 at 5:30 PM.

c. Sponsorship Request from Operation Outdoor Freedom - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

**Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item until the next Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

d. Saddle Club License Agreement to use the Rodeo Grounds - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Mayor Bennett stated that Ms. Kim Fleming, President of the Saddle Club is present, and discussion ensued about creating the license agreement to use the Rodeo Grounds. Ms. Fleming spoke on the need for flexibility on when they can host shows and that they would provide the Town with a schedule to avoid booking conflicts. Ms. Fleming informed the Council that monies raised from the shows go back to the Lion's Club, which flows back into the Community.

Discussion ensued about working with the Saddle Club.

Mrs. Spelorzi recapped that the agreement needs to be amended to include \$1800 for the season and to be able to host additional shows without extra fees.

**Councilmember Gray Leonhard make the motion to charge a flat fee of \$1,800 annually for the use of the Rodeo Grounds and to allow them to host extra events at no charge. The Town Attorney will need to prepare the lease for the Saddle Club; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund.**

Ms. Fleming inquired about who will do/pay for repairs for irrigation. Discussion ensued and the Mayor stated that the Town would handle it.

e. Renewal request – Florida League of Mayors 2021-2022 Annual Membership Dues for \$350- Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

95 Discussion ensued.

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97 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the renewal request;**  
98 **seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

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100 f. Renewal request - Weston & Gregory LLC Audit Services for FY2021- Mayor  
101 Samuel G.S. Bennett

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103 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to approve the renewal request;**  
104 **seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

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106 g. Internet & Voice Bundle: AT&T/ Verizon/Spectrum/ Other - Mayor Samuel  
107 G.S. Bennett

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109 Mayor Bennett read the title and Mrs. Spelorzi stated if the Council would like to get  
110 additional bids from other providers she would have that info that at the next meeting.  
111 Discussion ensued what this bundle entailed and all are in consensus to get more prices. Micah  
112 Bennett volunteered to assist Mrs. Spelorzi in getting additional information.

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114 h. Verizon Proposed Equipment Modification and review of current lease  
115 agreement at 138 W Third St Water Tower – Karina Fournier, Tower  
116 Engineering Professionals Inc (TABLED from 10/12/2021) - Mayor Samuel  
117 G.S. Bennett

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119 Mayor Bennett stated that the Town Attorney recommend that Council authorize him to  
120 negotiate with Verizon. Discussion ensued.

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122 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to authorize the Town Attorney to**  
123 **negotiate with Verizon and to bring proposal back to the Council; seconded by**  
124 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries**

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126 i. Renewal of Annual Scheduled Maintenance Agreement with Florida Detroit  
127 Diesel for the two generators located at Town Hall and Well Pump (TABLED  
128 from 10/12/2021) - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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130 Mayor Bennett would like to get additional bids and all agreed.

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132 j. Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation Agreement for FY  
133 2021/2022 (TABLED from 10/12/2021) - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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135 Mayor Bennett spoke with CEO of Zev Cohen who will be paying for the new year, so there  
136 is no cost to the Town.

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138 k. Quotes to repair John Deere 4x4 Front Loader - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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140 Discussion ensued about the quotes that have been received.

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142 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion approve the quote from Peterson**  
143 **Diesel Services to repair the John Deere Tractor for an amount of \$3,511.29; seconded**  
144 **by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries**

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146 i. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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148 Mayor spoke on

- 149 • Changing locks on the New Town Center this week  
150 • Going to the Volusia Roundtable of Mayors and the topic of Pet Licensing  
151 • Asked Council to think about participating in the program as well and to make this an  
152 agenda item for the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

153 m. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian  
154 Waugh

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156 Mayor Bennett stated that Mr. Waugh will present the Town ordinances and put them into a  
157 proper code of ordinances at the next meeting.

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159 n. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev  
160 Cohen & Associates

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162 No new report since the Town Planner is absent.

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164 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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166 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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168 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund as well as Councilmembers Tom Larrivee and Sergia Cardenas  
169 had no additional comments.

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171 Commissioner Gray Leonhard inquired why the matter of the DRA was not brought up today  
172 as it was on the agenda of the meeting that was cancelled.

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174 Town Clerk Spelozzi spoke on upcoming events.

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176 VCSO presented a check to the Town of Pierson in the amount of \$21,000 and gave an update  
177 on his deputies. Captain Yisrael also introduced new Deputy Campbell for the Zone.

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

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181 Resident Paul Martel inquired

- 182 • why the last Council meeting was canceled, and Mayor explained.  
183 • About the generator, Town Clerk explained  
184 • About Veteran's day and spoke of a future event ceremony

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186 Resident Kelly Green asked about getting additional signs for Purple Heart.

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188 Resident Kim Fleming recommended getting a grant writer to put a cover over the Rodeo  
189 arena to attract organization that require a covered arena. Mayor Bennett stated that they  
190 would look into it.

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192 **9. ADJOURNED**

193 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.**

194 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

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Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett