

# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
PIERSON TOWN HALL

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**1. Call meeting to order**

Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and asked Town Clerk Carmen Spelozzi to take the roll call.

**2. Roll call**

PRESENT:

- Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
- Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
- Councilmember Sergia Cardenas
- Councilmember Gray Leonhard

Also present were; Attorney Christian Waugh and Town Planner Mark Karet as well as representatives from the VSO.

**3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

Pastor Max Tyus gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Samuel Bennett**

- a. Special Meeting                      April 7, 2022
- b. Regular Meeting                      April 12, 2022

Mayor Bennett asked if there were any additions and deletions if not he would entertain a motion.

**Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ORDINANCE 2022-02                      (PUBLIC HEARING)                      First Reading**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIERSON, FLORIDA AMENDING ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADDING A NEW PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission)

Mayor Bennett read the title into record and opened the item to the Public. Audience members inquired what this ordinance is about and Town Planner Mark Karet explained the purpose and process. Discussion ensued and hearing no further comments, questions or concerns for

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47 the Public Mayor Bennett closed the Public Hearing.

48 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to approve ORDINANCE 2022-02 on**  
49 **First Reading as written; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed;**  
50 **motion carries on roll call vote 4-0.**

51 b. The Pierson Municipal Airport – Linnie Richardson, Resident  
52 Mayor Bennett invited resident Linne Richardson to speak on the matter. Mrs. Richardson is  
53 concerned about several issues at the Pierson Airport including deteriorating buildings,  
54 shoddy electrical and other issues. Mrs. Richardson felt that the Club House building is a  
55 liability to the Town and removal of the building should not be on the tax payer’s dime.  
56 Mrs. Richardson spoke on issues with four airplanes and three gliders making the airport look  
57 like an aviation junk yard.

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59 Mayor Bennett stressed not to do any more airplane painting, as that cannot happen close to  
60 the municipal wells and wildlife preservation zones.

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62 Discussion ensued to demolish the building and the process to do that.

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64 c. Appointment of a New Director for the Pierson Municipal Airport –  
65 Councilmember Gray Leonhard

66 Councilmember Gray Leonhard would like to volunteer to address any issues that are  
67 currently present at the Airport.

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69 The Council agreed to make Councilmember Gray Leonhard Chairman of the Airport  
70 Committee.

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72 d. Removal of Trees / Broken Concrete at the Pierson Municipal Airport – Mayor  
73 Samuel G.S. Bennett

- 74 • Mayor Bennett spoke on the concrete placed on a lot adjacent to the Airport that is not  
75 impeding Airport operations and that the concrete could potentially be used by the  
76 Town. Vice Mayor Greenlund spoke on two areas in Town where the broken concrete  
77 could be used to help with washouts  
78 • Councilmember Leonhard spoke on removal of trees in the east end to avoid  
79 obstructing the runway. Discussion ensued that Mr. Olin can assist with removal. Need  
80 to wait on FAA inspector to see what needs to be removed.

81 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to authorize Olin Cannon to remove**  
82 **trees on the easterly side of the airport at no cost to the Town; seconded by**  
83 **Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

84 e. Renewal of Airport Liability Insurance with Terrorism Risk Insurance of  
85 \$2,946.14 for May 17, 2022, to May 17, 2025 – Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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87 Mayor Bennett spoke on the item and Mrs. Spelozzi explained the different coverages.

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89 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the renewal of Airport**

90 **Liability Insurance for three (3) years; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard.**  
91 **All agreed; motion carries.**

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93 f. Request Approval for Town Clerk to attend FACC- Florida Association of City  
94 Clerks Conference - June 2022 - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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96 Mayor Bennett spoke on the item and discussion ensued with the Mayor and Vice Mayor  
97 having hesitations about the Town Clerk attending. Councilmembers Gray Leonhard and  
98 Sergia Cardenas spoke in favor. Mrs. Spelorzi listed beneficial reasons for being allowed to  
99 attend and Councilwoman Cardenas concurred.

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101 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to authorize the Town Clerk to attend**  
102 **the FACC in June 2022; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed;**  
103 **motion carries.**

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105 g. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

106 Mayor Bennett updated on

- 107 • Siding replacement and wood repair in various areas  
108 • Live termites found in collapsed area, need prices for termite remediation, Town Clerk  
109 to look into it

110 Discussion ensued about pest control and termite treatments.

111 h. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian  
112 Waugh

113 No updates

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115 i. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev  
116 Cohen & Associates

117 Town Planner spoke on

- 118 • Being onsite 4/21/22  
119 • Next availability 5/5/22  
120 • Water project– got preconstruction meeting approval  
121 • SRF monies release for the wastewater project  
122 • Design kickoff meeting will be with Brad Blais the week of 5/9/22

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## 124 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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## 127 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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129 a. Council and staff reports

130 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund spoke on

- 131 • The urgent need for slope mowing on Turner Rd and Shaw Lake and North Rd (as  
132 suggested by resident Jimmy Anderson)



133 • Vannote Rd has a lot of Pot holes and need to be repaved by the County. Mayor will  
134 contact County

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136 Councilmember Sergia Cardenas spoke on

137 • Chipper Jones Park – cars are getting stuck in the grass areas and urged to get this  
138 addressed. Mayor stated park improvements have been approved

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140 Councilmember Gray Leonhard spoke on

- 141 • The need to update/revise the personnel rules and regulations in a workshop.
- 142 • Banners at the New Town center near the Hwy need to be relocated to open up the
- 143 turning view
- 144 • Talking to staff at the Food mart about signs on pole that obstruct view
- 145 • Needing to create an expense account on what is being spent for the New Town Center
- 146 • Calling AT&T about a telephone pole on Frederick and 1<sup>st</sup> that was hit
- 147 • Getting update on the situation with Mr. O’Quinn, discussion ensued about non-
- 148 permitted uses
- 149 • Needing to do something about People living in RVs on properties
- 150 • Floor polishing system for New Town Center is in and PW staff got training

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152 Mrs. Spelorzi spoke on

- 153 • ARPA funds report submitted by James Moore
- 154 • VLOC annual banquet 5/26/22
- 155 • Reintroduced Utility/Deputy Clerk Evangelista “Yvonne” Braddock who started on
- 156 April 18, 2022.

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158 VCSO spoke on their activities throughout Pierson. Jimmy Anderson spoke on kids doing  
159 spin outs and making holes. Discussion ensued and the Deputy will work with the Town to  
160 get this activity to stop.

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

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166 **9. ADJOURNED**

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168 Mayor Bennett read upcoming meeting dates/times and thanked all in attendance.

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170 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.**

171 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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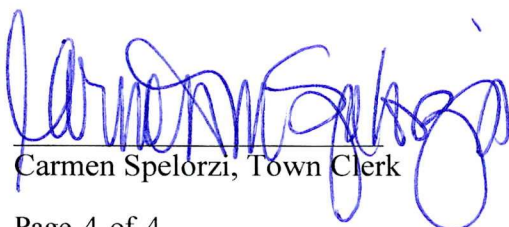
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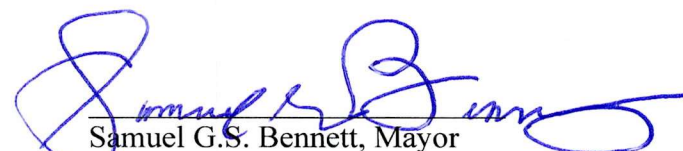
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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk



Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor