



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN HALL

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Town Clerk Carmen Spelorzi to call roll.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett
Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund
Councilmember James Peterson
Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee

Also present were Town Attorney Christian Waugh; Town Planners Mark Karet and Mark Durant as well as representatives from the Volusia County Sheriff's office.

3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Councilmember James Peterson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chairman Samuel Bennett

a. Regular Meeting – September 22, 2020

Chair Bennett stated that he wanted the verbiage of him asking Mr. Karet to review the zoning of Chair Bennett's property along the highway on the updated map added to the minutes.

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

Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the minutes with the addition listed above; seconded by Councilmember James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. ORDINANCE 2020-08 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIERSON PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 98-15 RETROACTIVELY AND PROSPECTIVELY REDUCING THE LEVY OF TAXES ON THE CONSUMPTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE

48 LIMITS OF PIERSON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION
49 THEREOF BY THE SELLER; PAYMENT THEREOF BY THE SELLER TO
50 THE TOWN OF PIERSON, FLORIDA; PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION
51 BY THE SELLER OR PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING OF
52 CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE
53 DATE.

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55 Chair Bennett asked Town Attorney Waugh to read the title into record and elaborated on the
56 purpose of this ordinance.

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58 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08**
59 **amending Ordinance 98-15 on second reading; seconded by Councilmember Tom**
60 **Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries on roll call vote 4-0.**

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62 b. Request to purchase Microphone System from Televic Conference for
63 \$7,850.00 for New Town Center Chambers – Carmen Spelozzi, Town Clerk

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65 Chair Bennett read the title and turned it over to Mrs. Spelozzi who spoke on the need for this
66 microphone system and the associated costs when the meetings are being held at the New
67 Town Center. Mrs. Spelozzi commented on the possibility of this being a reimbursable
68 purchase through the County's COVID grant.

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70 Discussion ensued to table this item until Mrs. Spelozzi can obtain additional quotes and get
71 clarification from the County if this purchase would be reimbursable through their grant.

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73 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to table this item until a later time;**
74 **seconded by Councilmember James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.**

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76 Chair Bennett is not in favor of spending almost \$8000 for a PA system, since there are
77 expenses that the Town is incurring that need to be met first, but if this system can be paid
78 through a grant than he would be supportive of this purchase.

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80 c. Renewal of the FY 2020/2021 Work Authorization by Universal Engineering
81 Services LLC for Building Services – Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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82 Chair Bennett spoke on the renewal and stated that the cost remains the same.

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83 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the renewal of the FY**
84 **2020/2021 Work Authorization by Universal Engineering Services LLC for Building**
85 **Services; seconded by Councilmember James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.**

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87 d. Taylor Middle-High School 2020-2021 Wildcats Gridiron Club Sponsorship -
88 Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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90 Chair Bennett spoke on the history of the Town sponsoring the High School and discussion
91 ensued to participate again.

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92 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to continue with the sponsorship in the**
93 **amount of \$225.00; seconded by Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion**
94 **carries.**

95 e. Renewal request – Florida League of Cities 2020-2021 Annual Membership
96 Dues for \$520 - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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98 Chair Bennett spoke on the membership dues and discussion ensued that the cost increased.

99 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the membership dues in**
100 **the amount of \$520.00; seconded by Councilmember James Peterson. All agreed; motion**
101 **carries.**

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103 f. Declare as Surplus (1) Play Stove, Play Sink, Play Refrigerator - Chairman
104 Samuel G.S. Bennett

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106 Chair Bennett spoke on the items and how they were obtained. Discussion ensued to declare
107 it as surplus and make it available for public bidding for two (2) weeks.

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109 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to declare (1) Play Stove, Play Sink,**
110 **Play Refrigerator as Surplus and to accept bids for two (2) weeks; seconded by Vice**
111 **Chairman Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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113 g. State of Emergency Florida / Town of Pierson - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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115 Chair Bennett recommended continuing the State of Emergency for a period of seven (7) days.

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117 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion continue the State of Emergency for**
118 **the Town of Pierson; seconded by Councilmember James Peterson. All agreed; motion**
119 **carries.**

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121 h. Updates by Chairman - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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123 Chair Bennett spoke on

124 • On a situation during a recent rental of the Community Center were markers on the
125 monument were accidentally damaged. Will bring back more information, like cost to
126 replace, when it becomes available.

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128 • Heritage Air working on finishing up thermostats and wiring in the New Town Center

129 i. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian
130 Waugh

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132 Mr. Waugh spoke on

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134 • Facilitation of enforcing LDRs, have to have clear procedure that is not able to be
135 challenged, include verbiage for P&Z to act as Board of Adjustments for items coming
136 from Code Enforcement. He is working closely with the Town Clerk.

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138 j. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev
139 Cohen & Associates

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141 Town Planner Dwight Durant spoke on Team Volusia and proposed sponsoring the Town of
142 Pierson to be a member for the first year. Mr. Durant to coordinate with Mrs. Spelorzi.

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144 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to accept Zev Cohen’s offer for a**
145 **one (1) year sponsorship to Team Volusia; seconded by Councilmember James Peterson.**
146 **All agreed; motion carries.**
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148 Town Planner Mark Karet spoke on:
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- 150 • Needing water quality test of the wells by Biometric for Mead and Hunt to continue
151 with their proposal. Project needs to be completed by June 2023 and it is a tight
152 schedule due to the pandemic. Discussion ensued that this needs to be done right away.
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154 **Vice Chairman Robert Greenlund made the motion to have staff contact Biometrics to**
155 **perform water testing on one of the Town’s wells at the new well field, and to expedite**
156 **the results to the Council for their next meeting; seconded by Councilmember Tom**
157 **Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**
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- 159 • Needing direction regarding the Business district signs, e.g. size and placement of
160 signs for permitting process, Chair to meet with Mr. Karet during his next onsite
161 meeting on 10/15/2020
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- 163 • P&Z meeting 10/20/2020 to review capital improvement element of the comp plan
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165 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

166 None

167 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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169 Vice Chair Greenlund and Mrs. Spelorzi spoke on an increase in the census for Pierson, but
170 that this is still less participation than in years past. Discussion ensued about continuing the
171 advertising and trying to reach more folks to participate.
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173 Councilmember James Peterson spoke on a problem with trash and junk on 3rd Ave. Mrs.
174 Spelorzi informed that one written and several verbal complaints have been received about
175 this area. Mr. Waugh stated that he could send out a general letter to the respondent advising
176 of an impending investigation brought on by complaints.
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178 Councilmember Tom Larrivee followed up on his request to have the southern entrance sign
179 tended to and Mrs. Spelorzi advised that it is on Public Work’s to do list.
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181 Discussion ensued about a potential injury at the Community Center stemming from the
182 damage to the monument during a rental event and that several infractions of the rental
183 contract were discovered after the event was over. Mrs. Spelorzi stated that PW staff secured
184 the monument with caution tape and that she has before and after pictures of the area.
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186 Resident Linnie Richardson recommended
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- 188 • increasing the rental fees. Chair Bennett asked Mrs. Spelorzi to make this an agenda
189 item for discussion at the next meeting.
- 190 • Having law enforcement doing spot checks when an event is being held at the
191 Community center.
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193 Mrs. Spelorzi read the Thank you Card received from Mr. Bennett’s widow.

194 VCSO has no additional reports.

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

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198 **None**

199 **9. ADJOURNED**

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201 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.**

202 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett