



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER

1 **1. Call meeting to order**
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3 Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne
4 Braddock to take the roll call.
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6 **2. Roll call**
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8 PRESENT:

9 Mayor Gray Leonhard
10 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
11 Councilmember Jimmy Anderson
12 Councilmember Linnie Richardson
13 Councilmember Brandy Peterson
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16 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith was also in attendance.
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18 **3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
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20 Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of
21 Allegiance.
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23 **4. NEW BUSINESS**
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25 a. Lion's Club Rodeo Contract – Mayor Gray Leonhard
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27 Mayor Gray Leonhard states that this discussion is about our contract with the Lion's Club for
28 the rodeo. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund states that he thinks we should go back to the contract
29 agreement prior to 2020 when it changed. I think we charge a fee of \$1 dollar, and they are
30 responsible for all repairs and issues with the rodeo grounds and any improvements. Council
31 Member Linnie Richardson asked for an elaboration. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated he
32 didn't want an argument to erupt and this is solution, so the town doesn't have to spend money
33 on repairs. Discussion ensued about if Lion's club agrees with this and Mayor Gray Leonhard
34 brought up about Saddle club used to be through the Lion's club. Council Member Brandy
35 Peterson said we will need to keep Saddle Club separate. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he didn't
36 care either way. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that Saddle Club does a lot of at the
37 rodeo grounds. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith asked why it changed. Vice Mayor Greenlund stated he

38 really didn't know why it changed. Philip Hughes President of the Lions club stated it was a
39 disagreement between Council Member and Member of Lion's Club. Vice Mayor Robert
40 Greenlund believes this will resolve a lot of issues.

41 Philip Hughes President of Pierson Lion's club stated that they replaced new boards and Lions
42 club did a lot of improvements. 4H Group replaced all the bleachers back in the day with me.
43 Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that we paid the Fred Hough bill it was dropped off
44 out our office by Lamar for us to pay.

45 The Lion's club stated that they should be treated just like any other rental. Discussion ensued.
46 Lion's club explained all their cost to put on the rodeo and how they donate \$500 dollars to the
47 4th of July.

48 Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated that we have spent a lot of money in lumber for the
49 bleachers. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that as long as they are wood, they will always
50 need to be replaced. Council Member Brandy Peterson asked if they ever thought about getting a
51 grant? I just know it would be easier for you all than for us to get it. Lion's club member Jackie
52 North stated that they are a 503D. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked what's the difference and
53 Jackie responded with they can do fundraisers. Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if Lions club makes
54 donations. Discussion Ensued and Philip Hughes stated he wants to take this back to members
55 and get a consensus. Council Member Linnie Richardson asked if so for \$1.00 we are giving
56 them exclusive rights. Discussion ensued. Lion's Club Member Lamar Dixon stated that saddle
57 club only paid for lights when they were under the Lion's Club. Council Member Brandy
58 Peterson explained that her husband put up the fence around the arena and the town paid for that.
59 Discussion ensued and Council Brandy Peterson stated we have a budget that we need to follow
60 yearly it wasn't followed in the past and any extra cost could hurt us. President Philip Hughs of
61 Pierson chapter thanked staff for their concern of notifying him for a workshop. Deputy Clerk
62 Ryan Smith stated contract will be up in July and we will never get this all done by then.
63 Discussion ensued. The council and Lion's club settled on having next meetings prior to council
64 meeting June 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Ray Ann Harper asked about using grounds on August 9,
65 2026. No council member had a problem with that, and she was instructed they would have to
66 prepare the arena. Discussion ensued about maintenance and repairs at the rodeo grounds.

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68 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if anyone had anything else to discuss on that topic.

69 b. Vendor Market Discussion – Council Member Brandy Peterson

70 Council Member Brandy Peterson explained that this will be the last vendors market and that
71 Kim Null no longer wants to run it. Confusion on whether Kim Null runs it for the Town of
72 Pierson and Discussion ensued. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated they donate the fee to the Town
73 of Pierson. Discussion ensued about same vendors it's too often and not a lot of advertising.

74 Council Member Brandy Peterson suggested they just squash it since we have vendors at 4th of
75 July and Christmas Celebration. All agree to stop the vendor market.

76 With no further business meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM

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80 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Gray Leonhard, Mayor