



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1. Call meeting to order

Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

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

Mayor Gray Leonhard was not present. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith and the Volusia Sheriff were also in attendance.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were done at workshop prior. Councilmember Linnie Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund

a. Regular Meeting Minutes July 7, 2026

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund 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 Council Member Brandy Peterson. All agreed, motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance 2026-08 Annexation Stacy Jones 1st read

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance. Town Planner Rebecak Cottle explained the annexation to the council.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked audience if they had any questions. Council if they have any other questions. If nothing he would entertain a motion to approve ordinance 2026-08 for its first read.

Council member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-08 annexation of Stacy Jones. Second, by Council Member Brandy Peterson, roll call vote taken all agree, motion carries.

b. Ordinance 2026-09 FLUM Comp Plan 1st read

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance. Town Planner Rebekah Cottle explained FIUM Comp Plan.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked audience if they had any questions. Council if they have any other questions. If nothing he would entertain a motion to approve ordinance 2026-09 for its first read.

Council member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-09 Comp Plan of Stacy Jones. Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson, roll call vote taken all agree, motion carries.

c. Ordinance 2026-10 Rezoning Stacy Jones 1st read

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read the ordinance. Town Planner Rebecak Cottle explained the rezoning to the council.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked audience if they had any questions. Council if they have any other questions. If nothing he would entertain a motion to approve ordinance 2026-10 for its first read.

Council member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-10 rezoning of Stacy Jones. Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson, roll call vote taken all agree, motion carries.

d. Pierson Lion's Club Proposal – Club President Phillip Hughes

Phillip Hughes started reading the proposal that they are bring to council. Discussion ensued. Council discussed the contract. Missy Monk from Saddle Club came to the podium to speak.

Missy Monk stated that her and Kathy Buttons have had a relationship with the town four to five years now. They do not want to go under the lion's club or pay the lions club. Discussion ensued. Council member Linnie Richardson stated that she respected the saddle club they do a lot and don't ask for a lot. She does not think we need a 10-year agreement with the lion's club since we are unsure of the future. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated we have spent a lot of money there and we should leave it as is. Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated that he can't say either way, but he knows saddle club is always doing stuff up there. Discussion ensued. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated we have spent a lot of money giving up all rights to the lion's club. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated we need to discuss this further, contract does not include repairs and maintenance, and electricity. Council member Brandy Peterson agrees that after this event we need to dive into it more.

Council Member Brandy Peterson makes a motion to table lion's club contract. Second by Linnie Richardson, all agree and motion carries.

Missy Monk from saddle club states that she would like to go through the Town of Pierson and not the lion's club. They have never asked the town for anything and just fix it when it breaks. I have never relied on the town for the use of rodeo grounds. Phillip Hughes from lion's club stated that it's not cheap for them either, they have to call electrician when lights go out and if it rains no rodeo. We pay \$60,000 to the association to come and run the rodeo. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that \$250.00 a night or a dollar a year our lawyer will have to review this. What maintenance we have fixed bleachers, lights fencing. Phillip Hughes states in a few years the fence will need to be repaired, everything has a cost. Phillip Hughes stated that \$13,000 for new lights but Lamar Dixon is meeting with Hough electric to discuss the lights.

g. Mellie Jo Turner 381 W. Pine Street water bill – letter

Mellie Jo Turner stood up at the podium and stated that she wanted to ask town to remove the water meter she can't sell that land because a building is on 2 pieces of property, and she has paid for water for years. No one lives there and it's only an old packing shed. Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that the house is not livable, and Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that we did it for Mrs. Hagstrom. Town Attorney Scott Simpson and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith discuss whether any fees are to be paid. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explains that this is a council decision to remove the meter.

Council Member Linnie Richardson makes a motion to remove the water meter at 381 W. Pine Street. Second, by Council Member Jimmy Anderson, all agree motion carries.

Mellie Jo Turner asked if she still needed to pay her water bill and discussion ensued and staff were told to credit the account.

105 h. 1928 Meat and Eat - Crystal Ann

106 Crystal Ann stated she would like to address the council and the community. I will be sponsoring
107 the Volusia League of cities dinner, and I am excited and have been planning this for a while. I
108 do not appreciate a 14-minute discussion at prior meeting about my skills as a caterer and my
109 personal life. If a council member has a concern, they should of bring it directly to me. I have
110 been in contact with the town about the event and have gone over the specifications of the dinner.
111 I agreed to have this dinner at a discount to try to help the town of Pierson and my community. I
112 am disappointed that council did not come to me. This event will be wonderful, and I look
113 forward to doing the event.

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115 i. Potential Spending freeze- Council Member Linnie Richardson

116 Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that with the Property tax amendment coming up she
117 was thinking we need to do a freeze to save money. I know other towns are in discussion about
118 this. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated that it's going to hurt with all the agricultural property
119 this town has. Discussion ensued. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated that we are in a pretty
120 good position for next year compared to other cities. Discussion ensued with Town attorney,
121 council and staff about the different bills and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated bill 4F is in effect
122 from July 1, 2026. Discussion ensued. Council Member Linnie Richardson asked to set up a
123 workshop and council agreed to July 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM and Town Attorney Scott Simpson
124 should attend. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated that item J on agenda pertains to the
125 same thing, and they have scheduled a workshop.

126 j. Contingency Plan regarding Property Tax Amendment – Council Member: Linnie
127 Richardson

128 Discussed with item I.

129 k. Town of Pierson water Valves – Council Member Linnie Richardson

130 We had a break at laundry mat and valve didn't work we need to start working on getting these
131 valves operational. We need to maybe break it down to four quadrants. Discussion ensued. Town
132 Planner Mark Karet stated that we need to identify which ones do not work and set a plan to get
133 them fixed. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated this would nr a good project for the fall
134 for the public works department.

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136 **6. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council Members and Staff Reports)**
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Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated he had nothing, Council Member Jimmy Anderson stated he had nothing. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated thank you to Vice Mayor and stated that public works needs to check the freezer, A/C and possibly rent a floor cleaner if the pads don't come in. Council Member Brandy Peterson stated that the 4th of July was a great success and Family Ties is making 100-year anniversary shirts. We need to schedule a Christmas workshop and that the methodist church asked to do a live nativity and the food trucks from the 4th of July want to come to Christmas Celebration. Town Attorney Scott Simpson stated that he had nothing, and Town Planner Mark Karet stated that he will be here July 16th to meet with residents about their zoning questions. Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock had nothing, Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated that we were informed that governor did not pass FDRAP grants for the second year and we were signed up for one for the park. We also do have echo grants either.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund read off the next meeting date and with no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Robert Greenlund, Vice Mayor