



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 – 6:30 PM
PIERSON TOWN CENTER**

1. Call meeting to order

Mayor Gray Leonhard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

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

Also present were Town Attorney Scott Simpson; Town Planner Mark Karet Volusia County Sheriff and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith.

3. Invocation and pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Linnie R. Richardson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes – Mayor Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund

- a. Regular Meeting - October 21, 2025
- b. Workshop – October 27, 2025

Mayor Gray Leonhard read the title and asked if there were any additions or deletions, if not he would entertain a motion for approval.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2025-10 Annexation Torres 2nd reading

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39 Town Attorney Scott E. Simpson read Ordinance 2025-10 in full, Mayor Gray Leonhard
40 asked council if they had anything to say.

41 Council member Linnie Richardson started off with her concerns about code violations of
42 this property, and it looks like a dump abandoned vehicles. She believes the town would be
43 inheriting a mess and she knows it's an annexation and revenue for town but believes it will
44 be more of a headache for town. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated he went and looked at it and
45 it's in bad shape and they have added more vehicles from the previous time he visited the
46 property. Council Member Linnie Richardson would accept annexation if the property was
47 cleaned up. Mayor Gray Leonhard has reservations about this annexation as well. Council
48 Member Linnie Richardson brought up we have several properties on US Highway 17 that
49 we are going to need to address. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated maybe we need to
50 notify the petitioner that we have some reservations about your property and you need to
51 straighten it up. Lester Pulley is the same property that had mechanic shop. Denise Colflesh
52 is the one they wanted to annex a few years back. Resident Sue Elliot, I pass it regularly and
53 they are bringing in more junk. Vice Mayor must be notified. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
54 asked if they should table it again, and Town attorney Scott Simpson advised we may have to
55 start over. Town Planner stated we must notify County Manager. Mayor Gray Leonhard
56 stated he would entertain a motion to table.

57 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to deny Ordinance 2025-10, 2025-11 and**
58 **2025-12 at its 2nd reading as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All**
59 **agreed, roll call vote taken, motion carries.**

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61 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund stated would it give us more jurisdiction to control the
62 appearance of the property. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated we don't have the teeth to enforce it.
63 Town Attorney stated yes. Town Planner Mark Karet explained the violation is for zoning. Mayor,
64 they want to change it to heavy commercial. Council Member Linnie Richardson stated it's a junk
65 yard. Town Attorney says we can annex but not change zoning. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
66 stated why don't we table this and tell them our intentions give them an opportunity to fix it. Town
67 Attorney ask Town Planner how to do that. Discussion ensued. Resident Denise states denying it
68 sends a clear message that we are not playing Council member Linnie Richardson agrees. Mayor
69 Gray Leonhard asked Town Clerk Yvonne Braddock to do a roll call vote and ask Town Planner
70 if we need to do it separate for each ordinance and Town planner Mark Karet stated it's one motion.
71 Roll call vote taken to deny 2025-10,2025-11 and 2025-12.

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73 b. Ordinance 2025-15 Public Sleeping 1st reading

74 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town Attorney Scott Simpson to read the ordinance. Mayor asks
75 council about a discussion. Town Attorney explains the ordinance, making sure we are following
76 state law. He added to terms and conditions to protect saddle club and states they are not
77 prohibited. This is designed to stop homeless camps. Discussion ensued.

78 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked the audience if they had anything that they wanted to say. Mayor
79 Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

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81 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 in its 1st**
82 **reading as written; seconded by Council Member Linne Richardson. All agreed, roll call vote**
83 **taken, motion carries.**

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85 c. Ordinance 2025-16 Trespassing 1st reading

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87 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town Attorney Scott Simpson to read the ordinance 2025-16. Mayor
88 Gray Leonhard asked what this does. Town Attorney read and stated it has to do with Volusia
89 County. Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith stated prior attorney asked them to be special magistrate. Town
90 Planner Mark Karet stated prior attorney did state that on record.

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92 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-16 in its 1st**
93 **reading as written; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, roll call vote**
94 **taken, motion carries.**

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96 d. Resolution 2025-17 LMS Mitigation Emergency management and FEMA

97 Mayor Gray Leonhard asked Town Attorney Scott Simpson to read the Resolution 2025-17.
98 Mayor Gray Leonhard stated we basically have to comply with this is that correct. Town
99 Attorney Scott Simpson stated yes, Scott Simpson stated staff were concerned about it, but he
100 doesn't think it's a big deal, it's just a standard form. Town Planner Mark Karet states we need to
101 follow this more accurately and Town Attorney Scott Simpson agrees. Deputy Ryan Smith
102 explained to the committee, and he didn't put resolution in packet since we weren't sure if
103 changes were needed and we stated Pierson needs generator and New Town Center upgrades. He
104 continued its just for resolution and plan for the next 5 years. Mayor Gray Leonhard stated so
105 they just want us to agree with it and Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith said yes.

106 Mayor Gray Leonhard said he would entertain a motion.

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108 **Council Member Linnie Richardson made a motion to approve resolution 2025-17 as**
109 **written; seconded by Council Member Brandy Peterson. All agreed, motion carries.**

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111 Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund asked why he didn't have resolution in his packet and Town Clerk
112 Yvonne Braddock explained it was not in anyone's packet as Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained.

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114 e. Mexican Consulate Service Meeting – Sergia Cardenas

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116 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith explained that Sergia Cardenas asked him to advise council she is in
117 discussion with the Volusia County Schools to use one of their rooms for this. Mayor Gray
118 Leonhard stated he would entertain a motion to table this item to future meeting if needed.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to Table item 5g Mexican Consulate Service Meeting; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.

- f. Resolution 2025-18 Amended General Fund Budget FY 2024-25 Deputy Clerk Ryan Smith

Town Attorney Scott Simpson read resolution 2025-18 and Deputy Ryan Smith stated we have 60 days to amend this budget and adjust budget to add \$68,000 from auction of surplus and permit fees to offset some of the money. He explained how animal control was 3x more than what was budgeted for and allocated funds and if bottom line does not change. Department of Revenue does not care if we make a resolution for budget amendment. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if anyone in the audience had anything to say, and with nothing the mayor would entertain a motion.

Council Member Brandy Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 Amended Budget FY 2024-25; seconded by Council Member Jimmy Anderson. All agreed, motion carries.

- g. County and State reimbursement for streets – Council Member Jimmy Anderson

Council Member Jimmy Anderson started with the town has been taking care of mowing for 17 and county road, including grass and trees and picking up trash and we got nothing back for 30+ years. It's time for them to pay us. Discussion ensued. Deputy Ryan Smith stated that they need to contact Lorian Scarlett at 386-740-3492 she is who took over for Hiedi Hough. The council directed staff to reach out and get a solid answer from state and county.

6. OTHER BUSINESS (Mayor, Council and Staff Reports)

Mayor Gray Leonhard has nothing and asks Vice Mayor if he has anything and Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund states he has no updates on sidewalk at park yet. Council Member Jimmy Anderson has nothing, Council Member Linnie Richardson states that cell tower is still not working and asks Town attorney if there is anyone else, she could call. They state they have until December 23rd to fix it. Councilmember Brandy Peterson states we have a quote for maintenance and repair of roof over cafeteria it is leaking and quote to clean cafeteria, the quote is to reseal it and to give us a few more years. Quote is 2,900.00 to coat the roof to seal it. And a quote to clean cafeteria floors, windows and walls.

Mayor Gray Leonhard asked if anyone in the audience had anything to say, and with nothing the mayor would entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made a motion to approve repair of roof and cleaning quote from Grime Stoppers; seconded by Council Member Linnie Richardson. All agreed, motion carries.

Resident Sue Elliott explains culvert on East Washington is going to collapse if nothing is done about it. Town attorney asks that letter be sent to Volusia County Schools, and Deputy clerk Ryan Smith stated it will be done over Christmas break.

Resident Lester Pulley stated he will be attending the traffic safety meeting and he will give them our intentions. Resident Katie Ruth asks about using fence where scarecrows are and Council Member Brandy Peterson states, we will be using it but will find a space for Little League sign. Katie Ruth starts talking about derby on January 17, 2025, and the council stated they don't have a problem with the derby. Melissa Borquist is a member of Northwest democratic party, and she will be here for the first meeting of every month to report the government of Pierson to her party, Mayor and council welcomed her to the meeting. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund reminded Mayor to get to Town Planner Mark Karet. Mark begins to be here Thursday to meet with residents and that's all he has. Town Attorney and Staff had no more comments. Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund announced that M and E BBQ will be offering smoked turkeys. Council member Jimmy Anderson states that little league has had those polls sitting there and it's killed the grass and Katie Ruth states they will discuss at this meeting and will let council know on Friday what will be happening with the poles. Mayor Agrees with Council Member Jimmy Anderson and asks where they can be moved and Jimmy answers by the old garden. The town attorney says why we gave them the contract agreement and Council agree.

Mayor announces events happening in Pierson and the dates for the next meetings.

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Yvonne Braddock, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Gray Leonhard, Mayor