



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 Thomas R. Larrivee
- Councilmember Sergia Cardenas
- Councilmember Gray Leonhard

Also present were Town Attorney Christian Waugh and Town Planner Mark Karet.

**3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

Mayor Bennett gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- a. Regular Meeting January 11, 2022

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

**Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to approve the above listed minutes as written; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. ORDINANCE 2022-01 **First Reading**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIERSON, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN PIERSON AMENDING SECTION 3.3.3 ADDING DESIGN REVIEW TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; AMENDING ARTICLE V ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 5.6.I. ESTABLISHING APPEARANCE STANDARDS FOR SINGLE

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46 FAMILY HOMES, MODULAR HOMES AND DUPLEXES; PROVIDING  
47 FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND  
48 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
49 (Recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission)  
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51 Mayor Bennett asked for Town Planner Mark Karet speak on this ordinance. Mr. Karet spoke  
52 on why this ordinance came about and that changes are to include:  
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- 54 • The Planning Commission shall review all applications for the construction of single  
55 family residences, modular homes and duplexes for compliance residential design and  
56 appearance standards set forth in section 5.6.I
- 57 • Section 5.6.I Residential Design and Appearance Standards
- 58 • Residential Design and appearance standards for single family homes, modular homes  
59 and duplexes
- 60 • Single family residences, modular homes and duplexes or site-built shall comply with  
61 the following design and appearance standards:
- 62 • A. Minimum roof pitch....
- 63 • B. Roof materials....
- 64 • C. Exterior siding....
- 65 • D. Minimum width of primary structure....
- 66 • E. Building façade visible form a public street shall....

67 Discussion ensued that is the first time some of the Councilmembers have seen this Ordinance  
68 and Town Attorney Christian Waugh read the title into record.

69 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01 on first**  
70 **reading; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion carries on**  
71 **roll call vote 5-0.**

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- 73 b. Discussion on Rental Fees and Time of Use at the Community Center – Linnie  
74 Richardson, Resident

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76 Mayor Bennett invited resident Linnie Richardson to speak on the matter. Mrs. Richardson  
77 stated that she is concerned about the Community Center being abused and asked if the  
78 Council can look at changing business hours for the Center and also look into raising the rates.  
79 Mrs. Richardson is recommending adding tougher stipulations to the rental agreement.  
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81 Discussion ensued about

- 82 • the time of use for non-business events
- 83 • adding verbiage to the lease for renter to review the recently adopted noise ordinance;
- 84 • select a midnight closing time
- 85 • raising the deposit to \$400 and add to lease that it will be forfeited if any violation  
86 occurs
- 87 • rental rates should stay the same

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89 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to raise the deposit for the**

90 **Community Center from \$300 to \$400; add to the lease agreement to cease all activity**  
91 **and to vacate the premises by 12 midnight, as well as attach a copy of the new noise**  
92 **ordinance and enter the noise ordinance number into the lease agreement with the**  
93 **request for the renter to review such; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All**  
94 **agreed; motion carries.**

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96 c. Water Billing Revenues & Receivables – Vice Mayor Robert F. Greenlund

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98 Vice Mayor Greenlund asked to table this item as well as item d. to the second meeting in  
99 February.

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101 A formal consensus was reached to table the items c and d.

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103 Councilmember Leonhard gave his opinion on the intent of this program and felt that the  
104 adjustments should be based on a justifiable situation. He continues that some accounts have  
105 large past due balances on properties that have no occupant and suggests just cutting the meter  
106 off instead of letting the past due balance accrue.

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108 Mayor Bennett suggested reinstating the late fees and water cut-offs that were being waived  
109 due to COVID hardships (not related to water bill adjustments due to a line break etc).  
110 Discussion ensued about the current grace period given to residents and that the COVID  
111 situation has improved so that the late fees/water cut-off waiver should be reinstated.

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113 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to reinstate the late fees and water cut**  
114 **off under the water rules and regulations; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard.**  
115 **All agreed; motion carries.**

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117 d. Review and Approval for Tree Trimming Contracts – Vice Mayor Robert F.  
118 Greenlund

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120 Tabled per discussion in item 5.c

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122 e. Quotes to Review and Approve for trimming trees at town hall from Fidel  
123 Velazquez LLC and from M & B Tree Service - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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125 Mayor Bennett stated that he was still waiting on quotes.

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127 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to table the item; seconded by Vice**  
128 **Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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130 f. Discussion and Appointment of a Development Regulations Administrator -  
131 Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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133 Mayor Bennett would like for this item to be tabled so that the Town Attorney can have more  
134 time to obtain all information.

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136 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by**

137 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

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139 g. Quotes for Backhoe Service and Repair (Tabled from 01/11/2022) - Mayor  
140 Samuel G.S. Bennett

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142 Mayor Bennett stated that he was still waiting on quotes.

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144 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by**  
145 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

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147 h. Quote for an attachment to be built or fabricated for the tractor - Mayor Samuel  
148 G.S. Bennett

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150 Mayor Bennett stated that he was still waiting on quotes.

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152 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by**  
153 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

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155 i. Discussion on North Road Park - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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157 Mayor Bennett spoke on an incident where the plastic slide in the park as well as a couch in  
158 that same area across the street from the Park was set on fire.

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160 Discussion ensued about

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- installing cameras and the associated costs

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- Parks have been having issues in the past

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- Locking the parks at sunset

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- Place cameras with signage stating “under surveillance“. Mr. Waugh stated that  
165 cameras may be installed without any right of privacy expectations.

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- Town Crews to open the gate in the morning and VCSO to lock up sunset

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168 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to install “under surveillance” and**  
169 **“open and close sunrise/sunset” signage and as well as install cameras; seconded by Vice**  
170 **Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed; motion carries.**

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171 j. Renewal request from the Volusia League of Cities for the annual membership  
172 dues in the amount of \$700.00 for 2022 - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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174 Mayor Bennett read the title.

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176 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve the annual membership to**  
177 **VLCO 2022; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

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179 k. Request from T. DeWitt Taylor Middle-High School for the school year 2022  
180 to be recipients of the Mayor Jimmy F. Sowell Memorial Scholarship - Mayor  
181 Samuel G.S. Bennett

182 Mayor Bennett read the title. Discussion ensued that the prior check the Town donated was  
183 made out to the School.

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185 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve a Mayor Sowell scholarship**  
186 **in the amount of \$300; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed; motion**  
187 **carries.**

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189 l. Pierson Elementary' s PTA request to the town to sponsor a booth at their  
190 Annual Fun Fest on Saturday February 26, 2022 - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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192 Mayor Bennet read the title. Discussion ensued to do as last year.

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194 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to approve sponsoring a booth in the**  
195 **amount of \$225.00; seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion**  
196 **carries.**

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198 m. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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200 Mayor Bennett spoke on

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- Water plant Bid opening date changed from 1/24/22 to 1/31/22
- Volusia County Library interested in moving into the Media Center. Will submit a proposal for improvements at their expense.

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204 n. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian  
205 Waugh

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207 Mr. Waugh informed the Council that the Volusia County Clerk of Court has acknowledged  
208 his correspondence in regards to noise ordinance citations and that he had advised Captain  
209 Yisrael of the process, but that some details still needed to be clarified. Mrs. Spelorzi  
210 recommended holding a meeting with Captain Yisrael in that regard, as well as notifying him  
211 of all the suggestions made at this Council meeting pertaining to the VCSOs proposed  
212 involvement with the changes to the Community Center lease and the park closure. Mr.  
213 Waugh is in favor of such a meeting, but feels that it won't be feasible until maybe a month  
214 from now when a proper agenda can be established.

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216 o. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev  
217 Cohen & Associates

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219 Mr. Karet spoke on

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- Water bids to be reviewed by Mead/Hunt on 1/31/22
- Sanitary Sewer being reviewed for the funding agreement by DEP
- In-house for meetings 1/20/22 and 2/3/22
- Several new homes are being proposed, lot splits
- Cost for platting lots

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## 6. OLD BUSINESS

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**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Council and staff reports

No additional comments from Councilmember Cardenas as well as Mr. Waugh

Vice Mayor Greenlund informed the Council that he has been approached about the Town contracting out ROW mowing and that he would provide more information on that proposal. Discussion ensued that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting for cost comparison.

Councilmember Larrivee spoke on SJWMD and that they would cap artisan flowing wells at their expense. Put the word out.

Councilmember Gray Leonhard stated that he spoke with Fred Fox about the T-Mobile grants opening back up in March, and suggested coming up with a plan/project to apply. Vice Mayor Greenlund touched again on getting cameras for all the parks and discussion ensued about having a workshop and have Mr. Karet prepare an application. Mr. Karet will also ask Mr. Fox to assist. Discussion ensued about other projects for the funds like the Community Center; Security for the Parks, and Water Tower and plant.

Mrs. Spelorzi

- needs RSVPs for annual Ethic Workshop on 2/11/22
- spoke on donation from Sue Elliott and Big Dog
- handout about Team Volusia happenings

Mrs. Sue Elliott, SAC, spoke on a Spring Fling in March by the High School.

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

Mrs. Sue Elliott asked what is happening with the ad for the Deputy Clerk position. Mayor advised that they are working on it and that it will need to go before the Council for review and approval.

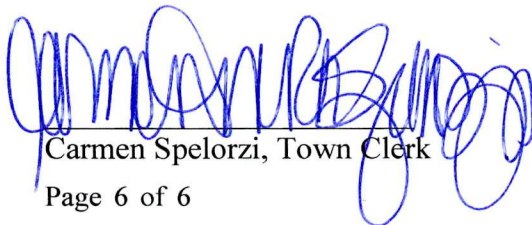
**9. ADJOURNED**

Mayor Bennett thanked all in attendance.

**Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.**

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

  
Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

  
Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor