



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 7:00 PM and asked Town Clerk Carmen Spelorzi to take the roll call.

2. Roll call

PRESENT:

- Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
- Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund
- Councilmember Sergia Cardenas
- Councilmember Gray Leonhard

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

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. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FFA Grant Presentation – Jamie Davis

Mayor Bennett stated that Jamie Davis asked for this to be tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed, motion carries.

- b. Mexican Rodeo (Jaripeo) – Daniel Aragón

Mayor Bennett introduced Mr. Daniel Aragón who spoke on getting requests from children from the Mexican culture about horseback riding and barrel Racing. It was suggested that his organization team up with the Saddle Club. Discussion ensued that the Lions Club would need to be made aware to avoid scheduling conflicts, as this would mean that another organization

47 would schedule events. The Council decided to table until the next Council meeting.

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49 Mr. Waugh explained that if Mr. Aragon intends to create a new club, that there is a general
50 form that can be used, it just needs to be customized.

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52 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by**
53 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed, motion carries.**

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55 c. FBH Community Lease Agreement -Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett (Tabled
56 from 9-27-2022)

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58 Mayor Bennett feels that still more time is needed to secure the area and get things in order
59 with the lease agreement before leasing it out.

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61 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item for a later time;**
62 **seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed, motion carries.**

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64 d. Quotes for Termite Treatments at the New Town Center from Pioneer Pest
65 Services, Inc and PURCOR -Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett (Tabled from 9-27-
66 2022)

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68 Mayor Bennett summarized the reason why it was tabled and Mrs. Spelorzi stated that she
69 was not able to get the clarification from Purcor. Decision was made to table it once more.

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71 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item until the next Council**
72 **meeting; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed, motion carries.**

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74 e. Quotes for removal & exclusion of bats at the Rodeo/Arena -Mayor Samuel
75 G.S. Bennett (Tabled from 9-27-2022)

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77 Mrs. Spelorzi stated that she obtained another quote from Trutech wildlife services.
78 Discussion ensued about the quotes and an audience member suggested checking with the
79 University of Florida or the Wildlife Commission if it can be done for free.

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81 The Council decided to table the item to check into this.

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83 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item for a later time;**
84 **seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed, motion carries.**

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86 f. Update of New Equipment at Water Tower - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett
87 (Tabled from 9-27-2022)

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89 Town Attorney Chris Waugh asked for this item to be tabled, since he has received no new
90 information from the vendor as of yet.

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92 Discussion ensued about health effects of 5G transmissions.

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94 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion to table the item; seconded by**
95 **Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed, motion carries.**

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g. Construction on Town Property - Councilman Gray Leonhard (Tabled from 9-27-2022)

100 Councilmember Gray Leonhard inquired what permits are needed to be pulled for Town
101 property. Mr. Waugh explained that every Municipality has to follow the Florida Building
102 code, but that the Town does not have to pull a permit for its own buildings. The work can be
103 inspected and approved by the Town’s Building inspector, if required by the Building Code.
104 Mr. Waugh suggested created an “in-house” permit so that the proper checks and balances
105 can be done.

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107 h. Expenditures on New Town Center - Councilman Gray Leonhard

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109 Councilmember Greenlund asked how much money the Town is going to expend to get the
110 cafeteria ready to be rented. Mayor felt that the Admin building should be finished first.

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112 Discussion ensued.

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114 i. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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116 Mayor Bennett spoke on

- 117 • Thankful the Community did well during Hurricane Ian
- 118 • Staff on call at Command Center
- 119 • Thankful to the many organizations that provided meals, and assistance after the storm

120 j. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian
121 Waugh

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123 Mr. Waugh spoke on

- 124 • Lawsuit submitted for a fall at the park
- 125 • Lawsuit by the Town for an Emergency injunction on the property of 457 Western
126 Ave. The property owner has retained an attorney from Tallahassee, who has not
127 returned Mr. Waugh’s call to discuss. Reschedule to 10/17/22 agenda.

128 k. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet, Zev
129 Cohen & Associates

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131 Mr. Karet spoke on

- 132 • Being onsite 10/20/22
- 133 • SSS (Sanitary Sewer System) – working on preliminary designs
- 134 • CDBG – Mid November 2022 for product approvals on the new water system and
135 treatment.

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137 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Council and staff reports

Councilmember Sergia Cardenas, Mr. Waugh and the Volusia County Sheriff’s office had no additional comments.

Councilmember Gray Leonhard informed that the Pierson Airport is open again.

Vice Mayor Greenlund advised that he learned about matching grants available from the USDA to get a generator and that he will have information on that by the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Spelorzi advised of

- Flyers

8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)

Mrs. Linnie Richardson spoke on the continued noise disturbance and that the VCSO did not have access to the decimeter at Town Hall. Mrs. Richardson shared some concerns about the lack of law enforcement presence during the hurricane.

Mr. Paul George indicated that the Officer didn’t want to enter the property since it was private. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Spelorzi to call the Captain and confirm location of keys and ADT code.

Mr. Jimmy Anderson spoke that VCSO has showed up to Park at lunch and the burn outs have not occurred since.

9. ADJOURNED

Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor