



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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 was Town Attorney Christian Waugh. Town Planner Mark Karet was excused absent.

**3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

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

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

- a. Regular Meeting June 14, 2022

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

**Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion to approve the above listed minutes; seconded by Councilmember Sergia Cardenas. All agreed; motion carries.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recommendations from FRDAP Workshop - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Mayor Bennett asked Mrs. Spelorzi to speak. Mrs. Spelorzi elaborated on the letter that will need to be send out requesting an amendment to the original project budget for Chipper Jones Park and Palmetto Avenue Park as discussed by the Council during their FRDAP workshop with Mr. Fred Fox in attendance.

46 Vice Mayor Greenlund explained the categories that FRDAP monies were allocated to and  
47 that the Council moved as much as they could towards new playground equipment, triggering  
48 the need for the amendment.

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50 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion proceed with the recommendations**  
51 **from the FRDAP workshop to make changes to the grant funds allocation for Chipper**  
52 **Jones Park; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed.**

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54 **Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund made the motion proceed with the recommendations**  
55 **from the FRDAP workshop to make changes to the grant funds allocation for Palmetto**  
56 **Avenue Park; seconded by Councilmember Gray Leonhard. All agreed.**

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58 b. Recommendations from Airport Workshop - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

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60 Mayor Bennett spoke on the Municipal Airport and that all are in consensus to apply for grant  
61 monies to get hangers to allow the Airport to earn revenue.

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63 **Councilmember Gray Leonhard made the motion proceed with the recommendations**  
64 **from the Airport workshop to move forward to pursue grant funds for the Municipal**  
65 **Airport; seconded by Vice Mayor Robert Greenlund. All agreed.**

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67 c. Updates Airport - Councilman Gray Leonhard

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69 Councilmember Gray Leonhard spoke on

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d. Updates by Mayor - Mayor Samuel G.S. Bennett

Mayor Bennett spoke on

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration update
- Public Works has been pressure washing, clearing and cleaning Park(s)
- New Town Center being worked on by Eric Nelson and is coming along; No date to move in yet but it's getting closer
- Contacting VC Road and Bridge about concerns raised at the last meeting, they have not responded yet
- Town Planer being out due to Family Member's health concerns, asking for prayers

89 Resident Paul Martel, 506 N. Pine Street, asked for a summary of expenses that have been  
90 incurred for the renovation of the New Town Center. Mrs. Spelorzi stated that it is  
91 approximately \$200,000 not including employee wages.

92 e. Update of Town projects from Town Attorney – Town Attorney Christian  
93 Waugh

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95 Mr. Waugh spoke on Letters sent to businesses on signage violation.

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97 Resident Paul Martel inquired if any type of notification was sent out the businesses about the  
98 change in the alcohol sales policy. Mr. Waugh stated that since the ordinance has not been  
99 officially changed yet, as it has only passed on first reading, he has not sent out any notices.  
100 Discussion ensued about the process for proper noticing of ordinance changes.

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102 Mrs. Spelorzi informed the Council that some residents thought that the new regulation for  
103 alcohol sales was in effect and that she had to inform them of the contrary.

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105 f. Update of Town projects from Town Planner – Town Planner Mark Karet,  
106 Zev Cohen & Associates

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110 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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114 **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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116 a. Council and staff reports

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118 Town Attorney Waugh had no additional comments.

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120 Vice Mayor Greenlund

- 121 • Asked about sponsorships for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and how much sponsorship  
122 money has been received. Mrs. Spelorzi will get an accurate figure.

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124 Councilmember Sergia Cardenas

- 125 • asked if more volunteers are needed and was told that there is still a need  
126 • stated that the Mexican Consulate Orlando and the Farmworkers Association are  
127 inviting the Council to attend a meeting at the DeLand Police Department on 6/29/22

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129 Councilmember Gray Leonhard

- 130 • spoke about mowing needed by Marlon Bates, Mayor will contact him again  
131 • attended a meeting with Volusia County and learned that Pierson is receiving a  
132 trophy for its participation (funds donated by employees) during the “Feed the Need”  
133 food drive

- 134 • suggested having a local mechanic take care of the Town’s vehicles and equipment  
135 repair needs. Mayor feels that the consensus is to support local businesses.  
136 • Informed that the Playground equipment has a large wasp nest. Mayor will take care  
137 of it.  
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139 Mrs. Spelorzi

- 140 • read Thank you letter from Larrivee family on their loss  
141 • advised of CSX crossings closing 7/18/22 not 7/5/22  
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143 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)**  
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145 Mrs. Linnie Richardson, Richardson Lane

- 146 • stated that she saw Town staff spreading lime rock on what she knows to be an  
147 easement and not a city street. Mrs. Spelorzi will call the County to clarify, as her  
148 documentation shows that it is a city street.  
149 • Inquired if it is possible to have the Town mandate a criteria for a safe berm to  
150 discharge weapons. Mr. Waugh will check into it, but feels that it may not be possible  
151 • Optical has not started work on repairing the ROW. Mr. Waugh updated the Council  
152 on their communications  
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154 Mr. Pete Glover inquired about the status of the event venue ordinance. Mr. Paul Martel,  
155 resident and Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, stated that the event venue  
156 ordinance has been done away with by the P&Z. Mr. Martel commended the Council for their  
157 due diligence in sending the draft ordinance back to the P&Z.  
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159 Mr. Martel ask the Council to consider doing an old fashioned carnival in the fall to get people  
160 together and enjoying their family oriented community. Discussion ensued about the best time  
161 for holding a carnival and maybe asking the Schools to join in the effort.  
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163 **9. ADJOURNED**  
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165 Mayor Bennett read upcoming meeting dates/times and thanked all in attendance.  
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167 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**  
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169 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Carmen Spelorzi, Town Clerk

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Samuel G.S. Bennett, Mayor