



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 – 7:00 PM
PIERSON TOWN HALL**

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1. Call meeting to order

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9 Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Town Clerk
10 Spelorzi to take the roll call.

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2. Roll call

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PRESENT:

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Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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Vice Chairman James Peterson

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Councilmember Herbert Bennett

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Councilmember Robert Greenlund

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Councilmember Thomas R. Larrivee

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Mayor James Sowell – Excused Absent

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Also present were Town Foreman Louis Longo, Deputy Clerk Carrie Ward and
23 representatives from the Volusia County Sheriff's office.

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3. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

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Vice Chair Peterson gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4. Approval of Minutes – Chairman Samuel Bennett

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a. Council Meeting May 12, 2015

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Chair Bennett read the date for the Minutes and asked if there are any changes/additions or
34 deletions and hearing none he entertained a motion for approval of the minutes listed above.

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**Councilmember Herbert Bennett made the motion to approve the minutes listed above;
37 seconded by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed; motion carries.**

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5. NEW BUSINESS

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a. Resolution 2015-07 -To Starling Chevrolet- Cadillac Car Dealership: to thank 42 them for their securing the use of two suburban vehicles that were needed and 43 used during our Annual Homecoming Parade with Taylor DeWitt Middle / 44 High School back in October of 2014 – Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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RESOLUTION 2015-07

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
PIERSON OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THANKING THE LOCAL
DEALERSHIP OF STARLING CHEVROLET-CADILLAC FOR THEIR
SUPPORT DURING THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE HERE AT
PIERSON WITH TAYLOR DEWITT MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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Chair Bennett read the title and asked for a motion.

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**Councilmember Herbert Bennett made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-07;
seconded by Vice Chair James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.**

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- b. To discuss the Planning Commissions' suggestion on doing a study for set-back requirements along Highway US 17 to be compliant to the potential widening of that roadway and to seek Council's approval to proceed – James Smith, Town Planner

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Chair Bennett read the item and stated that Town Planner Jim Smith was not able to be at the meeting, but that he is in full support of moving forward with the study based on the suggestion of the Planning Commission and would recommend the Council approve commencing with the study. Town Clerk Spelozzi stated that Mr. Smith has been in touch with a representative from FDOT on this topic.

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Discussion ensued about the footage requirements and that they will go into effect for all new roads or any existing roads that are being paved.

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Councilmember Herbert Bennett made the motion to approve proceeding with a set-back requirement study; seconded by Vice Chair James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.

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- c. To seek approval to purchase a John Deere Gator Cart from South Daytona Tractor as was budgeted to be done this year. – Public Works Director/ Councilmember Herbert Bennett

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Chair Bennett summarized the item and turned it over to Councilmember Herbert Bennett. Discussion ensued about this item being in the budget for this Fiscal Year, but if it wouldn't be wiser to purchase a tractor that can pull the proposed wing mower.

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Ms. Spelozzi informed the Council that the Gator Cart can be used to read meters and such the cost does not have to come solely from the General Fund.

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The Council asked Ms. Spelozzi to get information for the cost of the right-sided Batwing mower as well as a tractor that can pull it.

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Councilmember Herbert Bennett made the motion to table the John Deere Cart; seconded by Vice Chair James Peterson. All agreed; motion carries.

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6. OLD BUSINESS

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a. None

Discussion briefly turned to the requirement of lighting the American flags at night and how this issue was brought to the Council’s attention.

Councilmember Herbert Bennett brought back the cost for solar powered units to light up the American Flags. The Council came to the consensus to fly the American Flags under the current conditions and if a concern is raised again, then the Council would address it.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Council and staff reports

Vice Chair James Peterson inquired about a code violation where a resident has tents on their property. Ms. Spelorzi stated that the resident is aware of the violation and that she is still doing her due-diligence. A notification letter will be sent to this resident as well as other non-compliant properties that have been brought to Ms. Spelorzi’s attention.

Councilmember Herbert Bennett had no comments.

Councilmember Tom Larrivee had no comments.

Councilmember Robert Greenlund had no comments.

Town Clerk Spelorzi informed the Council that

- She has created a listing of Town owned properties and inquired if the Library is owned by the Town, because she received a request for a permit by Volusia County Schools to have the roof repaired. Discussion ensued that this is the old City Hall and that there is an Interlocal agreement. The Council by consensus decided that if all building codes are observed they do not object to have the County put a new roof on.
- Duke energy cost for moving power poles on Vannote will be forthcoming
- Form 1 for the State Commission on Ethics need to be submitted to the Clerk and mailed out prior to July 1.
- New grant request needs to be submitted for CDBG funds to add Cade and Franklin paving jobs to the Braddock Rd job
- Thursday, May 28 at 10 am, Special Meeting to review RFPs for legal services.

Deputy Clerk Carrie Ward had no additional comments.

Volusia County Sheriff’s office had no new reports.

131 Chair Bennett stated that City Hall received notification that the former City Clerk has been
132 approved to receive unemployment. Chair Bennett continued that they appealed that decision
133 via a Telephone hearing and the Town will not be charged for her unemployment benefits.
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135 **8. GOOD AND WELFARE (public participation)**
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137 Sue Elliott had no comments.
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139 **9. ADJOURNED**
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141 **a. Chairman -**

142 i. Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m
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144 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM**
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146 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Samuel G.S. Bennett, Chairman