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TOWN OF PIERSON BUDGET WORKSHOP Minutes

PIERSON TOWN HALL -106 Center Street, Pierson, FL 32180

Thursday, July 30, 2015
05:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING – Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and roll was called by Town Clerk Carmen Spelorzi.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett
Vice Chairman James Peterson
Council Member Herbert Bennett
Council Member Robert Greenlund - absent
Council Member Thomas R. Larrivee
Mayor James Sowell - absent

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.

Vice Chairman James Peterson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Recommendation for FY 2015/16 Tentative Millage Rate and Approval of Certification of Taxable Value - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett
 - i. July 1st Notification of pre-preliminary assessed total taxable value:
 1. FY 2015/16 \$43,999,065.00
 - ii. Prior year millage rate:
 1. FY 2014/15 – rolled back 5.8358

Chair Bennett read the items and asked Town Clerk Spelorzi to comment. Ms. Spelorzi elaborated on the figures and how they affect the budget. Ms. Spelorzi stated that she is still working with the Accountant to streamline the numbers and asked the council for permission to submit the preliminary millage rate to the State. Discussion ensued about last year's figures.

Ms. Spelorzi stated that she will present a proposal pertaining to Sanitation to the Council for the August 18th budget workshop and those figures should not present a burden to the budget.

46 Discussion ensued about the different options presented for the millage rate and when the selected
47 rate needed to be published in the paper and that the millage rate can always be lowered just not
48 increased once a decision had been made.

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50 **Councilmember Herbert Bennett made the motion to go with 6.4000% millage; seconded**
51 **by Councilmember Tom Larrivee. All agreed and motion carried on roll call vote 4-0.**

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53 b. Recommendation of scheduling First Budget Hearing:

54 1. Wednesday – September 9, 2015; 5:01 P.M.

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56 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to go approve the First Budget Hearing for**
57 **September 9, 2015 at 5:01 P.M; seconded by Vice Chairman James Peterson. All agreed and**
58 **motion carries.**

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60 **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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62 Councilmember Herbert Bennett inquired about the torn signage of the Town Hall marquis and
63 discussion ensued. Ms. Spelorzi will check into it getting prices for new signage and disposal of
64 the old and bring the information back to the next regular meeting.

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66 **6. ADJOURNED**

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68 a. Budget Special Meeting to follow:

69 i. Thursday, July 30, 2015 – immediately following workshop – approval of
70 workshop recommendations

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72 ii. Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – Budget Workshop

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74 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM**

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76 Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by

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86 Carmen M. Spelorzi

Samuel G.S. Bennett, Chairman



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TOWN OF PIERSON SPECIAL MEETING Minutes

93 **PIERSON TOWN HALL -106 Center Street, Pierson, FL 32180**

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95 **Thursday, July 30, 2015**
96 **05:25 P.M.**
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99 **1. CALL MEETING – Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett**

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101 Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm. and roll was called by
102 Town Clerk Carmen Spelorzi.
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105 **2. ROLL CALL**

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107 Present:

108 Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett
109 Vice Chairman James Peterson
110 Council Member Herbert Bennett
111 Council Member Robert Greenlund - absent
112 Council Member Thomas R. Larrivee
113 Mayor James Sowell - absent
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115 **3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE.**

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117 Chairman Bennett gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
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119 **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

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121 a. FY 2015/16 Proposed Millage Rate and Approval of Certification of Taxable
122 Value - Chairman Samuel G.S. Bennett

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124 i. Recommendation to approve tentative millage rate from workshop discussion

125 **Vice Chairman James Peterson made the motion accept the recommendation of the**
126 **workshop for a 6.4000% millage rate; seconded by Councilmember Herbert Bennett. All**
127 **agreed and motion carries on roll call vote 4-0.**

128 ii. Scheduling of First Budget Hearing – Wednesday, September 9, 2015; 5:01
129 P.M
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131 Chair Bennett read the items and Ms. Spelorzi explained how the date for the first budget hearing
132 was derived.

133 **Councilmember Tom Larrivee made the motion to go approve the First Budget Hearing for**
134 **September 9, 2015 at 5:01 P.M; seconded by Vice Chairman James Peterson. All agreed and**
135 **motion carries.**

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137 **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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139 None

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141 **6. ADJOURNED**

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144 **Hearing no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM**

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146 Minutes prepared by: Minutes approved by

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154 Carmen M. Spelozzi

Samuel G.S. Bennett, Chairman

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