

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 10, 2026
6:00pm
West Pelzer Municipal Center
30 Main Street

Swearing in - Mayor Rick Sanders & Councilman Jeff Turner Oath of Office administered by Judge Stephen Turner

Those present: Mayor Rick Sanders, Council Members Tom Scarfo, Tim Williams and Jeff Turner; Town Clerk/Administrator Paula Payton, Town Attorney Carey Murphy and Chief Zach Owen.

INVOCATION - Quinn Pearson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Sanders 6:09pm

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - December 9, 2025

Motion to approve by Councilman Scarfo, 2nd by Councilman Williams; all were in favor

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Paula Payton - Clerk's & Admin Report - see attached

Chief Zachary Owen - Police Department Update - see attached

CITIZEN COMMENT (per Town Code, Sec. 2-56/sign up required/limit 3 minutes)

Roy Budgell - Congratulations to new members and thank you to all for serving;

A few things to improve our Town:

- Thank you for filling pot holes on Dendy Street
- Address mud in the road that is being produced by new construction off Dendy Street and Diane Avenue
- Removal of the large number of advertising signs throughout Town

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Sanders stated that Councilman Tom Scarfo was the longest serving Council Member, serving under three mayors; Mayor Sanders made a motion to appoint Councilman Scarfo as Mayor Pro-tem, 2nd by Councilman Turner; all were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Williams - none

Councilman Scarfo – asked if there were any updates for the Greenville Water main line installation; Payton responded that a Greenville Water representative would be present at the March 2026 Council Meeting to give updates.

Councilman Turner – none

Mayor Sanders – see attached statement

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Scarfo made a motion to adjourn at 6:24pm, 2nd by Councilman Williams; all were in favor.

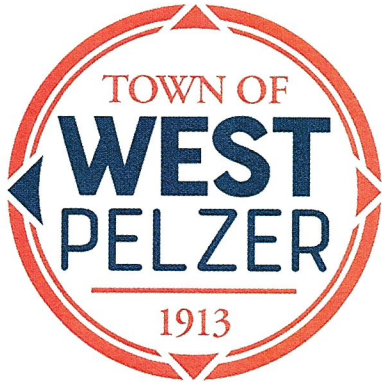
Minutes prepared by:

Paula H. Payton, MMC, ABL

Town Clerk | Administrator

Complete audio recording of meeting is available at westpelzer.com

A reception was held in the lobby immediately following the meeting



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To: Mayor Sanders and Council
From: Paula H. Payton, MMC, ABL
Subject: Administration Report
Date: February 2026

The following are updates and information related to activities in the Town of West Pelzer and/or upcoming events. Please contact me with any questions that you may have related to these items. ppayton@westpelzer.com or 864-947-6297 ext. 101

O'Dell Community & Entrepreneur Center

- Co-Work Space open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm
- **The Gathering Place – Meals on Wheels**
 - Food & activities are provided every Monday & Wednesday; 10am-2pm
 - Exercise, games and crafts

Updates, Announcements & Events

- **Updates & Announcements**
 - The Delegation approved our PARD request for Chapman Park Playground Improvements in the amount of \$10,000
 - Special Election for vacant Council seat will be held April 21, 2026; filing information will be released soon
- **Upcoming Events**
 - 2026 Event Schedule is available

Finance

- January 2026 Budget
 - General Fund Income \$308,176.07 ~ Expense \$64,367.54
 - Hospitality Tax Income \$5,501.52 ~ Expense \$4,151.89



2026 TOWN OF WEST PELZER'S YEAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY

27- TOWN MEETING 6PM

FEBRUARY



10- TOWN MEETING 6PM



MARCH

10- TOWN MEETING 6PM

APRIL



14 - TOWN MEETING 6PM

17- NEIGHBORS NITE OUT
FREE BBQ/MUSIC/GAMES
6-8pm

MAY



12 - TOWN MEETING 6PM

16 - WESTYS VINTAGE
MARKET & CAR SHOW
9-3

JUNE



9- TOWN MEETING 6PM



JULY

04- FIREWORKS
W/PELZER AT PELZER
BALLPARK 9PM
13- SHARK WEEK/JAWS
MOVIE IN PARK 8PM
14- TOWN MEETING 6PM

AUGUST



4- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
6PM
11- TOWN MEETING 6PM
22- DOG DOG DAYS OF
SUMMER DOG SHOW
10AM

SEPTEMBER

08- TOWN MEETING
6PM
12- FARM DAYS
W/FFA 9-2PM
26- REPTILES FOR
KIDS/CHAPMAN
PARK 10AM



OCTOBER



3- MILE LONG YARD
SALE 8-2
7 - COFFEE WITH A COP
9AM
10- WESTYS FALL
MARKET 9-3
31- THRILLER PARADE &
PUMPKIN PALOOZA
6PM

NOVEMBER



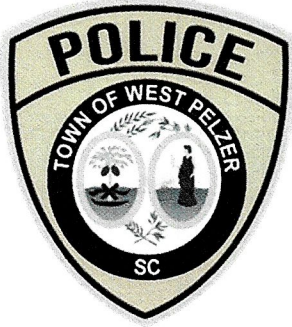
10- TOWN MEETING
6PM

DECEMBER

5- WP XMAS PARADE
AT 4:00

8- TOWN MEETING





**WEST PELZER POLICE DEPARTMENT
30 MAIN STREET
WEST PELZER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29669**

To: Mayor Sanders & Council

From: Chief Zachary Owen

Subject: Police Department Report

Date: January 2026

*The following is statical data related to activities of the West Pelzer Police Department.
Please contact me with any questions or concerns:*

zowen@westpelzer.com

864-947-6297 ext. 103

January 2026 Statistics

• Calls for Service	121
• Traffic Stops	36
• Tickets/Warrants	29
• Warnings	7
• Reports	8
• Citizen Contacts	148

Town of West Pelzer Code of Ordinances

Sec. 2-7. - Mayor pro tempore; duties.

(a) Immediately after any general election of the council, the council shall elect from its membership a mayor pro tempore for a term of not more than two years.

(b) He shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor.

(c) In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the mayor pro tempore shall serve until a successor is elected.

State Law reference— Mayor pro tempore elected by council, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-7-190.

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