

MINUTES: TOWN OF REDDICK
COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2013

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

Steven Rogers, President
James R. Stroup, Mayor
Marjorie Stroup, Clerk

COUNCILMEN

Thomas Joyner
William Pulliam
William Willis
Michael Salter

GUESTS

Jeannette Pulliam	Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Charles Funkey
Frances Lamar	Doris Gordon	Lucy Ward	

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Rogers, who led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Minutes of the July 11, 2013, meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Councilman Joyner to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Pulliam seconded motion and motion carried. Financial statement for the month of June was reviewed. Councilman Pulliam made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Salter seconded motion. Report was approved pending audit

OLD BUSINESS:

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. Dotten was not present at meeting. Questions on proposed budget for Sheriff's Dept. will need to be answered at next meeting. It was reported that dirt bikes are racing on main streets of town and that the Sheriff's department was called.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Otto Wettstein reported that all citations have been cleaned up. The Building Dept. has been difficult to work with in recent months. Paul Neville is acting head of department and he indicated that because of County cuts, there is only a small force in the department. Next week there will be a meeting with the department and Mr. Wettstein requests that someone from the Council attend with him. The Becker property is cleaned up and the Hud house is also cleaned up. We need to stay on top of the situation. There are also a couple of houses that are caving in and we need to get them condemned, burned, and cleaned up. Lucy Ward reported that the house next to her needs to have their backyard cleaned up. Council President Rogers responded that there is no ordinance about mowing the yard and it is also behind fence. The Merkley property needs attention again. Rats and other pests are a problem.

ROAD WORK

Councilman Pulliam reported that there are no problems and no water damage. It was asked that when Squeekie Klean mows they mow around fallen sticks, etc. Who is responsible for picking up small debris. Council President stated that they are to pick up small debris as they mow. It was also reported that they are not mowing near Koone property. Councilman Pulliam will check into the situation. Lt. Reedy with the Dept.

of Corrections was not able to be contacted about girls mowing. Councilman Pulliam will try to contact again and if not successful, will go to his supervisor.

STREET LIGHTS:

No street lights are out.

PARCEL FROM COUNTY: Council has not heard from the County and this item is still tabled.

REDISISTRIBUTION OF FUEL TAX:

Commission voted on June 10th and voted for Default plan, but with the stipulation that it will be phased in. Municipalities will received 75% the first year, 50% the next, and 25% the third. After that we will received only 10% of fuel taxes. The Ninth Cent tax was taken entirely. When budgeting for 2014, we need to take into account these cuts and renegotiate contracts, etc.

VERIZON CHARGING TAX:

We heard from Doug Reeves with Verizon concerning the tax and was advised that the authority by which he collects the Communication Services Tax is the Florida Department of Revenue. He advised that we contact them for further information and gave a contact name of Grace Reeves who responded today. In an effort to make the Communication Services Tax more uniform, in 2001 the Florida Dept of Revenue set a schedule and tax. This was sent to all municipalities and went into effect. Municipalities could increase proposed tax for their area, but did not need to respond for it to go into effect as proposed. Reddick did not respond. The taxes collected are being sent to the Town. The Communications Services Tax received by the town is this collection entirely and no other taxes from the county or state are included.

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:

The Lease Agreement for the rental of the Community Center was sent to the Town Attorney and a line item was added to the Agreement regarding holding the town harmless from accidents.

SHERIFF'S CONTRACT:

The Sheriff's Contract received for next year will be held until we can determine the fiscal budget for 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

FALLEN LIMB:

There was a fallen limb on right-of-way which was cleaned up by Donnie Cassidy for \$250.00.

ROAD AT 155TH AND 38TH AVE:

It appears this road has moved and is outside Reddick jurisdiction. We can help by hauling dirt, etc. to fill in, but is not eligible to be paved by town.

SIGNS FOR OFFICE:

Mrs. Stroup has requested permission to purchase some signs directing patrons to Town Office door. She would also like to purchase a small whiteboard to posted activities, events, etc. to be hung near front double door. Councilman Salter moved to approve the purchase and motion was seconded by Councilman Pulliam. Motion carried.

DUMPSTER:

We are having a problem with renters of the Community Center dumping garbage in the dumpster, even though it is in the agreement that it must be hauled off. The garbage is many times unbagged. Council

President requested that the dumpster be hauled off and be replaced with four trash cans that are presently being provided by Advanced Disposal. These can be easily emptied by Advanced Disposal and by taking them to the road each Tuesday morning, they will not need to pull into the alley and church access road. The road is being damaged by the weight of the truck, as well as the aprons from the road being destroyed. Councilman Willis made a motion to remove the dumpster and replace it with the four cans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salter. Motion carried. Councilman Pulliam will remove the dumpster and Council President will contact Advanced Disposal.

All business being finished, Councilman Pulliam moved that the meeting adjourn and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Town Council meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R Stroup, Mayor