

Reddick Town Council Meeting
June 7, 2018

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

James R. Stroup, Mayor	William Pulliam, Councilman
Steven Rogers, Council President	Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk
	William Willis, Councilman
	Thomas Joyner, Councilman

ABSENT: Michael Salter, Councilman

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Brookelyn Aven	Bryon Aven
Gaynelle Hoover	Comm. Michelle Stone	Bob Law	Jerry Avery
Kim Law	Lucy Ward	Jeannette Pulliam	Lt. April Nichols
Shirley Youmans	Minika Youmans	Charessa Douglas	Jim _Rife?_____

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Steven Rogers, with Mayor Stroup giving an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Minutes of the May, 2018 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Pulliam made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of May, 2018, was presented. Income exceeded Expense, giving us a positive figure for the month of \$1673.18, however, the Morgan Stanley statement has not been received. We have a negative balance for the year of \$21359.10 due to Hurricane Irma clean up and FMV. Councilman Pulliam made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. April Nichols handed out written reports for April and May 2018. There were a total of 14 calls for service within the town limits (see attached report). Two arrests were made. Councilman Pulliam asked Lt. Nichols about some lights that appeared in the area and seemed to hover over his barn. Lt. Nichols responded that there was an experimental drone being used in the area and that must be what he saw. Dick Gerard questioned whether citations were being written for school zone traffic violations. He regularly saw people speeding through school zones and even passing on the double yellow line those who were abiding the traffic laws. Lt. Nichols will forward this information to the appropriate personnel. Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup attended the EMS statewide hurricane exercise. He stated that they were using a new program that had excellent real-time communication. Marion

County has officially been certified by the State and have met all qualifications. At a future meeting, Mr. Bowlin will have someone available to go over the new system with those attending.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Wettstein was again not present. The house on NW 42nd Terrace and NW 151st St is now being assessed fines at the rate of \$50.00/day for code violations. Mrs. Ward again reported that the fence is still down and now affecting the neighbor's fence. Yard is still full of junk and fence is not safe. She inquired as to when will something be done. Council President Rogers stated that regulations and ordinance is in place but we have a problem with enforcement. Since litter and trash is Town responsibility our options are to take legal action and absorb the cost and put a lien on the property. They are leaving us no choice but to take legal action. Mrs. Ward also complained of the neighbors parking on the right-of-way. Council President Rogers commented that because of parking problems, a large percentage of the Town is parking on the right-of-way. We need to seek other arrangements for a Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Willis made a motion to seek a new person and Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. Mayor Stroup made a comment that in his opinion the Sheriff's Department needs to be in charge of Code Enforcement. We will contact County to see if they know of any senior officers who have retired and are looking for contract work for Junk and Litter only. County has Interlocal Agreement for Building Code. Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers will take over until someone is found.

ROADWORK:

NW 155th St. from 25A west needs to be graded and pot holes filled. A letter has already been written requesting grading and Mayor Stroup was contacted by the County Road Department that they will be out. They also stated that a new Interlocal Agreement needs to be drafted since the current agreement is more than 15 years old. Pricing needs to be adjusted and we need to added section of NW 155th St that is currently not covered. Councilman Pulliam stated that we needed to remind them of statements made to help us with road surfacing since they were taking away our gas taxes. The current Interlocal Agreement allows for four gradings per year at \$1200.00 each, plus limestone. Pot holes on County Road NW 152nd Lane and Old Dixie Highway also need to be filled. Statement was made that we need to check on trees blocking view of street signs. Councilman Pulliam will get a bid from Donnie Cassidy to trim trees from right-of-way. At NW 155th St and NW 41s St., the stop sign is down and needs a new pole. There is a tree leaning at NW 41st at the old jail that needs attention. Also, Mrs Law asked permission to treat a dying pecan tree. Council President Rogers said yes she could try to save it, but if she cannot, we will need to take the tree down.

STREET LIGHTS:

We need to check on light on CR316. All other lights have been reported or are working.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **GENERATOR FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Project is nearly complete. It is all hooked up, but a load test needs to be done . Bids for tests are: Ring Power - \$1500.00 and Tri County - \$500.00. If there is a problem, there will be extra charges. We will do an initial load test and then schedule annual service. Councilman Joyner made a motion to use Tri County and Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council President Rogers gave special thank you to Comm. Stone for spearheading the project for us.

- **YOUMANS SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Minika Youmans is purchasing a new Mobile Home to be placed property across from Fred and Shirley Youmans. She was given a Special Use Permit to bring to next council meeting with required paperwork for approval. Minika and Shirley Youmans were advised that the mobile home on Fred and Shirley Youmans' property must be removed as it will be a factor for approval of the new mobile home. Old mobile home on Youmans' property has not been removed. Mr. Youmans refuses to remove it. As it stands, Council will not approve a new Special Use Permit while there is still an open violation by owner. The only other option is to take legal action.

- **CHARESSA DOUGLAS SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**

Charessa Douglas was present at meeting and has presented all necessary paperwork for Special Use Permit. A notice has been posted for 10 days and to date, no objections have been presented to Council. Councilman Willis made a motion that the Special Use Permit be granted and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **COASTAL CONNECTOR EVACUATION ROUTE:**

Comm. Stone addressed the meeting with the updated information. The County Commission made a Resolution opposing every route and any future routes that would traverse through Marion County. This was filed yesterday (June 6, 2018) and sent to Governor Scott. Any future attempts to come through Marion County will be fought by Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **JERRY AVERY:**

Mr. Avery addressed Council stating that he was attempting to clean up his property on County 25A but that it was a long, slow process. He requested a copy of the Land Use Plan. Council President Rogers asked him if he wanted the Zoning Ordinance or the Land Use Plan or both. Both are available in the Town office, but he did not specify which he wanted. Council President again reminded him that the property was zoned residential only and no commercial business could be opened on the parcel.

- **ALERT MARION APP AND WEATHERSTEM APP:**

Both apps can be downloaded on iPhone or Android for immediate live weather information and custom notifications.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R.Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk