

Reddick Town Council Meeting

August 2, 2018

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Steven Rogers, Council President

William Pulliam, Councilman

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

William Willis, Councilman

Thomas Joyner, Councilman

Michael Salter, Councilman

GUESTS:

Pam Gerard

Brookelyn Aven

Megan Aven

Gaynelle Hoover

Bob Law

Lucy Ward

Jeannette Pulliam

Dick Gerard

Tonya Johnson

Joe Perry

Tony Ward

Sylvester Nelson

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 July, 2018 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Joyner made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of July, 2018, was presented. Expense exceeded Income, giving us a negative figure for the month of \$-5670.50 primarily due to charges for limbing up trees along the right-of-way; however, the Morgan Stanley statement has not been received. We have a negative balance for the year of \$-14,136.63 due to Hurricane Irma clean up and FMV. Councilman Pulliam made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. April Nichols was not available to attend the meeting. She did send a report for June and July activity. The Sheriff's Department responded to eighteen calls and had made two arrests. Councilman Salter reported that the vacant lot on NW 155th on which there was drug activity earlier in the year was being used again. This time those congregating are carrying automatic weapons and are involved in illegal activities. The weapons are assault weapons, AR-15's, etc. There appears to be a lot of drug activity. Councilman Salter did call 911 on Sunday and called the Sheriff also. Nothing was done. The deputies that came acted as if they didn't care. We need to get this under control before someone is killed. We need to get with Lt. Nichols for a proper meeting to be set up for the safety of our citizens. People are afraid that someone is going to shoot up their home if they complain. There are lots of guns and drugs. One visitor to the meeting saw four or five people and 13 guns. Children are being threatened. Those congregating are not locals. Our starting point should be with Lt. Nichols and then have her set up a meeting with proper people. Guests attending the meeting asked that we please act

soon before someone is killed. It was recommended that a letter be drafted to Sheriff Woods and let it trickle down. This is an election year. Mayor Stroup commented that he has already contacted Lt. Nichols and she is to get back to us. We have not seen deputies in Reddick for a while. The biggest problem with that is that there are not enough deputies to go around. We do need immediate help. "No Trespassing" signs are gone. Mayor Stroup stated that we will get them reposted again. People who live in the neighborhood are terrified to come out of their houses.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers met with County Administration and Code Enforcement Officers to discuss enforcement of the Junk and Litter Ordinance. Comm Michelle Stone was also in attendance as well as Mr. Bouyounes and Mr. Martsoff. They have agreed to help. We will initiate and give a time limit to remedy the violation. If the violation is not corrected in time limit, it will then be turned over to the County for enforcement and fines. Charges to the Town are on a per incident basis. The Interlocal Agreement is being written. We average five to ten cases per year. This will make it easier to budget each year for Code Enforcement. Our County Comm. Michelle Stone made this meeting happen and helped us to get this done. We need to check to be sure that we are being charged by case and not individual violations.

### **ROADWORK:**

Extending grading of NW 155th will cost us between \$1,000 and \$1700. The County Engineer and Road Department will discuss adding this extension and redoing the interlocal agreement after the meeting with Code Enforcement, as this will affect how the agreement will be rewritten. Trees are being limbed up on right-of-ways. NW 43rd Court is still rough and needs a load of limerock. Mayor reported on costs of extending 155th to city limit. The estimates do not include equipment and labor. Also, water now runs down the road, but when graded and crowned where will the water go? It is not a dedicated city road. It dead ends at the city limits. Upkeep for the extension will be added to the Interlocal Agreement which is currently being updated. It was decided that until we get the Interlocal Agreement, we will put the extension on hold. Mayor Stroup will contact the Road Dept. tomorrow. Donnie Cassidy is still working on right-of-ways, but in the future we need to be sure we get bids. General maintenance, not emergency maintenance, requires that we receive at least three bids.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

New pole erected on NW 155th by Randolph Thompson's has never had the light put back on it. This has been reported. All other lights have been reported or are working.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **GENERATOR FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Project is complete. Gas tank has been filled and the load test has been done. Councilmen Rogers, Willis, and Pulliam, as well as Mayor Stroup, met to be instructed on how to start up and run the generator. The generator will be used to power the Community Center during emergencies. During an emergency, the Town will be able to maintain communication with EOC and Duke Energy. The Center will not be a shelter but will be available after a disaster to be a distribution center, a place to cool off from the heat, to get water, and to recharge devices for the Community. It was suggested that a set of rules be set up for use during emergency situations to maintain an orderly process.

- **FEMA ON HURRICANE IRMA:**

Two of the 3 projects have been sent to the state for distribution. The last project is being forwarded to FEMA after the State reviewed and will be ready for the Town to sign off in about 10 more days. Then it will go back to the State for distribution. Payment on the two projects will be received about 30 days after the final State report is received. It will be another 30 days for the last project.

- **TREE LIMB ON OLD BANK BLDG:**

Adjusters have been here and viewed the damage to the building. They have approved payment of \$1,314 less \$500.00 deductible. We should be receiving a check for approx. \$814.

- **2018-2019 BUDGET:**

Council President Rogers presented the 2018-19 budget for its first reading. It is a balanced budget of \$210,444, less restricted transportation funds of \$31,999, or \$178,445. New items budgeted include Emergency Funds and Code Enforcement Funds. This year we did not need to utilize reserves. This is primarily because of the 1 cent sales tax which is ending in 2020. It is critical to save and be frugal to be ready when the tax ends. Increases in Sheriff's Dept. costs for Resource officers will not affect our budget. Those costs will be passed on to property owners. Councilman Joyner made a motion that we accept the first reading of the new fiscal budget, and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT - TONYA JOHNSON:**

Tonya Johnson has an Adult Family Care home just outside the town limits. She has an approved license through 2019. She would like to move her residents to her home which is inside the town limits and is zoned R-1. The address is 15123 NW 39th Avenue. It is listed as an Adult Care home. This is a home-based, health care for up to five people. She cares for them and takes them to appointments and outings. The parcel is 3.1 acres. She provided site plans for an addition to her home which will include two bedrooms, a bathroom with walk in shower, and a sitting room. She is getting permits and will undergo all zoning, parking, handicapped ramps, and inspections. Fire systems, etc. need to be added. She is working on getting all that done. Currently she is staying at her other facility as this is a requirement. She would like to be home with her husband and by making this move she will be able to care for her residents as required by law and be home with her husband. Residents are independent but need assistance. Councilman Rogers stated that a Special Use Permit was required. This way the Council can review and analyze the situation and it also give neighboring residents a change to voice their opinions and/or objections. She will come to the office on Monday for the permit so that it can be posted for ten days.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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James R. Stroup, Mayor

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Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk