

Reddick Town Council Meeting
September 6, 2018

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 6, 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:

Pam Gerard	Gaynelle Hoover	Bob Law	Jeannette Pulliam
Dick Gerard	Tonya Johnson	Joe Perry	Lt. April Nichols
Kim Law	Michelle Ricks	McKinley Baker	

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 August, 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 August, 2018, was presented. Income exceeded Expense, giving us a positive figure for the month of 15,376.42, due to interest income from Morgan Stanley of \$3700+ and an increase in FMV of \$7400+. We have a negative balance for the year of \$-2900.23. Councilman Joyner made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit. There was a significant increase in maintenance of the right-of-ways and in the future, any major clean-ups will need to be put out for bids. Town policy requires at least three bids for major projects.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. April Nichols reported that Reddick had only 6 cases for the month of August. An arrest made on burglary still has more investigating to be done. Arrestee was involved in other burglaries outside the town of Reddick. Concerning the wif at the Library, there was a large knife found on the door step. Probably was left there by someone using the wif. Mayor Stroup stated that the situation with the wif was brought up to Marion County Library Services and he will be sure to bring it up again. When asked about funds from civil infractions, Lt. Nichols reported that there have been no traffic citations issued in Reddick for this year. Council President Rogers asked about lawn maintenance and general clean-up around the Sheriff's substation. Lt. Nichols has asked Sheriff's Dept for lawn crew to come take care of lawn twice a month. Council President Rogers asked about situation on NW 155th St with crowds on

private property and carrying weapons. Lt. Nichols reported that she has taken care of situation and has talked with Councilman Salter. She also stated that "no trespassing" signs are the responsibility of the property owner and not that of the Sheriff's Dept. She further commented that in order for the Sheriff's Dept. to be proactive and not reactive, the citizens need to report incidents. This can be done anonymously by calling 368-7867 (368-STOP). Mayor Stroup observed that traffic through active school zones has slowed down. Lt. Nichols said that whenever she has someone available, she sends them to monitor during active times. She also stated that she is down 6 deputies because of State mandate to have resource officers in all schools.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

We are still working on Interlocal Agreement. The County Attorney now has the agreement and then it must go on the County Commission Agenda and we will then hear more. Council President stated that there are tree limbs and debris on right-of-way at NW 42nd Terrace. Councilman Joyner stated he will get with the owner. Concerning the extension of NW 155th St grading, it is currently tabled and we need to check what the water run-off will be. Councilman Pulliam asked about progress on dangling cable at Ernestine Patterson's. Council President Rogers has called Dorothy Pernu and we have given her pole numbers for where cable needs to be taken down. She conveyed that the cable company is out of business and if we let her know all areas of cable, she will have a contractor come out and taken the cable down. We have notified her that all cable in the town limits needs to be removed. Costs for the removal have not been determined. Duke is only entity able to take the wires down and Duke is willing to work with us.

ROADWORK:

NW 43rd Court is still rough and needs a load of limerock. Councilman Pulliam will contact Jennie Hutto for some limerock and Donnie Cassidy to smoothe out.

STREET LIGHTS:

All lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **FEMA ON HURRICANE IRMA:**

Have had closing meeting with FEMA and all paperwork is completed. Now we are only waiting on check from the State.

- **2018-2019 BUDGET:**

Council President Rogers presented the 2018-19 budget for its second 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 second reading of the new fiscal budget, and Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **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. She has completed the Special Use Permit and the 10-day notice has been posted. One question was posed concerning law enforcement having been called to the new address on four occasions in the past three years. Concern was for the safety of the seniors being cared for. All calls were of a non-violent nature. Councilman Pulliam inquired about right-of-way going in to the property and as to whether it was a street. According to the Land Use Plan, it is a designated road. It is not on the plat, however, but is an access road. It was also asked if there was a time limit for the Special Use Permit. The answer was no, but we can attach a Resolution to limit the permit. The Resolution is a contract and a tool to protect the citizens and town. A Special Use Permit is specific to a group home only. Councilman Willis moved for approval of the Special Use Permit and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **ROAD GRADING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:**

Mayor Stroup spoke with Gordon Fisher, Road Dept. Supt., and he confirmed that they will maintain the current local agreement as is. Cost wise and price wise it will remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT - DINA AND LUCIOUS GREEN**

A Special Use Permit has been applied for a mobile home to be placed on a lot across from Collier Elementary Complex. It is a new mobile home and a notice has been posted from August 16-28th. The Special Use Permit is complete and all areas are in compliance. McKinley Baker represented the Green's who were not available because of prior commitments. Councilman Pulliam moved that we approve the Special Use Permit and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **ADVANCED DISPOSAL PRICE INCREASE:**

The Town has received a letter from Randy Canal, General Manager, for a price increase to \$11.96 per household. This price is in line with the current Contract and has been accounted for in the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Only concern the Town has is with customer service which is very low at this time. The Town Clerk has made attempts to contact Advanced Disposal and will draft a letter concerning issues. Councilman Joyner inquired as to whether there will be a time when the Town could not afford to continue trash pickup and if this cost would be passed on to the citizens in the property taxes. Council President responded that it would be necessary for the Town of levy a tax to cover costs of trash pickup, street lights, insurance, etc.

- **MEETING/AGENDA PROCEDURES:**

Because of Public Disclosure laws, only topics on the Agenda can be voted upon at a Council meeting. This gives anyone wishing to address a topic the opportunity to voice their opinion.

The agenda for each meeting is posted on line at townofreddick.com. Anyone wishing an item be added to agenda, must do so by the Thursday prior to the Council meeting.

- **NEW FLAG:**

The American flag at the Community Center needs to be replaced because it is weather worn. Councilman Pulliam will get a new flag and Councilman President and Mayor Stroup will help with replacing it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James R.Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk