

Reddick Town Council Meeting
January 3, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: William Willis, Councilman

GUESTS:

Lt. April Nichols	Jeannette Pulliam	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Lucy Ward
Joe Perry	Gaynelle Hoover	Albert Rager	Michelle Stone	
Preston Bowlin				

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 December, 2018 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Pulliam made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of December, 2018, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$31,000, giving us a positive figure for the month and for the year. Morgan Stanley statement reflected a positive in Fair Market Value and interest and sales tax for December exceeded projections. Councilman Joyner made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Preston Bowlin, Director of Emergency Management Services for Marion County, addressed Council, checking if the Town had any needs or input. He wanted to focus on three things: 1) He met with McIntosh to put a weather stem on their water tower. Because of this, we will be able to check weather for accurate weather conditions for our area on the computer. You will be able to see horizons and take pictures. A reliable company they have used before will put it up and it will be our north station. Stem will also be able to see smoke and fires. An educational program is attached and schools can use it for science projects. 2) McIntosh has its own radio station. Broadcasts music and EMS messages/warning/alerts during emergencies. We will be able to go to 92.5FM for information. 3) Marion Co. does not have enough impact shelters that house pets. This is a problem and they are trying to open another shelter and are looking for equipment such as pens, blankets, etc. North Marion Middle School will be opened as a primary shelter. Only five of the 14 shelters are primary and will open first and then depending on magnitude of storm/emergency, will open others as needed. During Irma only 11 of the 14 shelters were opened at a cost of about \$1 million. A special needs shelter is West Port High School and this is primarily because it has two gyms and more space for special needs. Belleview High School is a secondary special needs. We are looking to build a special needs area in the future. As Marion County grows, we are seeing more elderly. This build will help get our schools back up and running sooner after an emergency. It is a major cost factor and requires a lot of manpower.

Lt. April Nichols submitted a report for December, reflecting seven calls documented by case number. (Report attached). Calls were comprised of petit theft, burglary commercial and residential. She was pleased that for December, the case load was very light.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Regarding Mr. Kost/Funkey property: the car has been moved. We will follow up on the chicken coop and pig pen. Regarding Mr. Avery: He needs to remove 15 unserviceable vehicles from the property. There has been activity using backhoes and digging as well as burning. Mr. Avery is in the process of selling the property, but is still the owner of record. Letter outlining the violation needs to be sent to County Code Enforcement. Mayor Stroup will send the letter and documentation.

ROADWORK:

Councilman Pulliam has contacted Counts Construction concerning NW 48th Avenue. He will come next week to see about patching pot holes. Cost is \$450.00 per ton. He will patch and roll. Any excess will be used in other areas. Mayor Stroup reported that Road Dept. called him and will do grading in about two weeks. It was noted that 25A has a lot of potholes and Commissioner Stone will check on timetable on paving. She said there will be a strategic planning meeting on the 26th.

STREET LIGHTS:

All lights seem to be working. Councilman Pulliam commented that he will get with Duke Energy to take down the Christmas lights.

OLD BUSINESS:

Duke Energy has contracted to have the old cable removed and it is 99% gone. We have received no bill for this work. Thanks to Dorothy Pernu for her assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Election qualifying** we be from noon on January 22nd until noon on January 26th. Offices open are Councilman Group 4 and Councilman Group 5, Mayor, and Town Clerk.
- **Morgan-Stanley:** We received a letter stating that Morgan Stanley will no longer service any small municipal accounts. They will forward after March 29th, those accounts to a brokerage house in Tampa. We must find a new firm to work with our investments. We will be sending a copy of our investment policy to interested firms. At next Council meeting, we will make recommendations. Because of regulations, we are not able to make much money on investments.
- **Ernestine Patterson** has inquired as to ownership of property across street from hers. She would like to request that they mow and clean.
- **Street light globes:** New globes on shine on ground directly below the light instead of reflecting the area around the light. Duke Energy stated this is their new light and any that needs to be replaced will be replaced with them. Councilman Pulliam questioned whether they meet state qualifications. We will check again on getting better globes with Dorothy Pernu.
- **Michelle Stone** reached out to those present to feel free to contact her. She is always glad to be of assistance.
- **Fence at Elementary School:** It has been put on hold. Michelle Stone will check on progress with School Board. We need to have something that works for Health Clinic, Library and Interfaith.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk