

Reddick Town Council Meeting
April 4, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 4, 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
William E. Willis, Councilman	

GUESTS:

Jeannette Pulliam	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Joe Perry	Gaynelle Hoover
Lt. April Nichols	Robert Struyk	Jim Troiano		

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 March, 2019 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 March, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$23,654, giving us a positive figure for the month and \$87,521 for the year. Morgan Stanley statement reflected a positive in Fair Market Value and a positive for interest and sales tax for March exceeded projections. Councilman Joyner made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

ST JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT:

Mr. James Troiano addressed those present on water conservation, as April was declared Water Conservation month. Mayor Stroup signed the proclamation and then read the proclamation to those present. A copy was given to Mr. Troiano, who stated that a copy would be sent to the governor. He stated that we are down 14-17% in usage over last year, but that we still had room for improvement. Managing our water resources and limiting our fertilizers and other contaminates, will make major improvements in our water supply.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. April Nichols reported that we had nine calls for service which were assigned case numbers. A list is attached. On a positive note, there were no report of burglaries. Lt. Nichols reported that there is some discussion about redistricting and doing so will increase her area to as many as 300 sq. miles. She has requested more personnel should her area be increased. Her staff has been cut and she now has only eight deputies before any redistricting. More deputies have been added under the new budget, but they must be hired and then trained.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Regarding Mr. Avery, the County has notified him of unsafe structures and junk and litter, consisting of more than 15 unserviceable vehicles. It is a residential property and a privacy fence has been erected. They have until next week to be in compliance, at which time the County Code officer will return. If they are still non-compliant, they will be charged \$50.00 per day, and could be charged as much as \$500.00 per day until they are compliant. The Town will need to proceed with legal action to prevent zoning violations. Each case will need to be weighed to see if it warrants the expenditures. Coy Brooks has a large, dead water oak on his property and on the right-of-way that needs to be taken down to a safe level. We will get open bids for taking the tree down and hauling it off. It will require a bucket because of power lines.

ROADWORK:

Grader was here to grade NW 38th and NW 155th. Randolph Thompson reported that his road need more limerock. There was a tree down on NW 157th and Donnie Cassidy has removed it. Progress on 25A: are currently working on aprons and then they will apply another top coat. They need to be reminded to clean up around tennis courts.

STREET LIGHTS:

All lights seem to be working except a light at the Presbyterian Church, which is cycling on and off. Councilman Pulliam reported that the City of Ocala is using mercury vapor lights and they are still available for purchase. Council President commented that Duke Energy maintains they are not available. An alternate would be to purchase our own lights and maintain them. Duke Energy will not do this. Councilman Pulliam feels that if this is what we want to use, Duke should honor it. It is not mentioned in the contract. Duke said they would send out a team to evaluate our street lighting, but the Town cannot afford nor has the personnel to purchase and maintain our own lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ADVANCED DISPOSAL**

We are experiencing a problem with replacement of totes and multiple drivers quitting. Communication, or lack thereof, is the biggest issue. The manager has requested a listing of 911 addresses for the Town of Reddick and a map. This can be obtained from Emergency Management. Also, the roads are causing concerns about putting new vehicles in unsafe areas because they are too narrow. The manager expressed concerns on a safety standpoint. People are gathering in remote areas, and the drivers are fearful. Lt. Nichols asked the crowd as obstructing service or hindering in anyway. She said she will check on crowds to see if there is a hindering problem. If not, the drivers are unduly fearful and no law is being broken.

- **INVESTMENTS:**

Have moved funds from Morgan-Stanley to Raymond-James per vote of Council during March meeting.

- **CRIPPEN & COMPANY:**

Compilation report was distributed to council members. The report was a clean report and reflected an overall income over expense of \$22,700.00 for the year.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk