

Reddick Town Council Meeting
May 2, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 2, 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	Joe Perry	Gaynelle Hoover	Lt. April Nichols	Lucy Ward
Greg Smale	Al Riccio Abate	Katrina Chisolm	Charles Johnson	Albert Ragor

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 April, 2019 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 April, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$4,248, giving us a positive figure for the month. Raymond-James Statement has not yet been received. Councilman Joyner 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 reported that we had seven calls for service which were assigned case numbers. A list is attached. Lt. Nichols reported that there is some activity along Hwy 27 with auto theft and house break-ins. Thieves are targeting autos and homes that have been unlocked and cautioned those present to be sure to keep cars locked, homes locked, and keys out of sight. These are crimes of opportunity. Also, there was a report of a missing adult from the "group" home on NW 155th. Adult has been found and returned to home. Council President Rogers asked about group home and if license had ever been obtained. Even though a copy of the license was requested from Mrs. Wilma Martin when she attended the meeting requesting a special use permit, it has not been provided and a special use permit has not been granted. We believe it is operating without a license or proper paperwork, nor is supervision being provided. Information has been passed on to County, but we have not heard of any results. Lt. Nichols will check into the matter and email me us her findings.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH:

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month in the State of Florida. Greg Smale spoke to those at meeting and Mayor Stroup read a proclamation proclaiming May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Reddick. Mr. Smale and Mr. Abate shared that they will be conducting a safety program for motorists on May 18th at the main Library in Ocala.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Regarding Mr. Avery, the County has notified the Town that the property has been sold and has officially been transferred to Jason Kipfer. A certified letter was mailed to him on April 9th and we must begin the process again. It is a residential property and a privacy fence has been erected and has power being provided by generators and it is an unsafe structure and Duke Energy has not restored power. If they are still non-compliant,

on June 2nd, the Council will turn over the violation to County Code Enforcement. The Town will need to proceed with legal action to prevent zoning violations. Concerning the unserviceable vehicles on Mr. Avery's property, they have been moved and the County now considers them to be compliance. Each case will need to be weighed to see if it warrants the expenditures. Concerning the large tree at 14780 NW 48th Ct, the tree has been taken down to a safe level by Jason Perry, who was the lowest bid.

ROADWORK:

Grader was here to grade NW 38th and NW 155th. Randolph Thompson reported that his road need more limerock. Councilman Pulliam will get with Virginia Hutto to haul some limerock in and will ask Donnie Cassidy to spread the rock on the road.

STREET LIGHTS:

Councilman Pulliam reported that a light at Joe Perry's on NW 151st was out and that the ground wire at the base of the pole was protruding out of the ground and causing a trip hazard and an obstacle to maintaining the right-of-way. A work order has been put in to Duke Energy to correct the problem. Councilman Pulliam reported that the City of Ocala is using mercury vapor lights and they are still available for purchase, and Council President Rogers reported that Duke Energy does not use them. An alternate would be to purchase our own lights and maintain them. Councilman Pulliam stated that this would not be practical and council agreed. Duke Energy stated that we will keep the globes we have, but if they break, they will be replaced with current globes. Also, after researching LED lights, Council President Rogers said that although the lights were be cheaper to run and maintain, the initial cost was too high and the rental charge from Duke Energy is higher than our current lights.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADVANCED DISPOSAL**

There will be a meeting in McIntosh on May 3rd at 10:00 am between officials of McIntosh and representatives from Advanced Disposal. It seems that McIntosh is experiencing the same problems as the Town of Reddick is experiencing. Council President Rogers will join the meeting as an observer. Rumor has it that Waste Management is looking to purchase Advanced Disposal. If they do, contracts will need to be renegotiated and the Town may need to get new bids for service.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Katrina Chisolm has submitted her paperwork, paid her fee, and a notice has been posted since April 22nd. She has requested that she be allowed to place a late model (2017 or newer) mobile home on the property (which consists of three lots) located on NW 48th Ave off of NW 155th St. Councilman Pulliam made a motion that she be allowed to place a double-wide mobile home that is in compliance with zoning, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **KIMBERLY HALLING AWARD**

Reddick-Collier Elem. has requested the Town to fund its annual Kimberly Halling Award as done in the past. This year, there are two 1st place winners. Mayor Stroup recommended that we give two first place awards and forego any other placements; this will keep the award at \$200.00 as it has been for the past 30 years. Councilman Pulliam made a motion to this effect and Councilman Salter seconded the motion.

- **TRACTOR, WEED EATERS, BLOWERS:**

The lawn equipment is in need to maintenance. Councilman Pulliam will get with Claytons and have them service the equipment.

- **PARTIAL OPENING OF BRYNE ST.**

A request has been made to open Bryne Street 3/4 of the way down where there is a gate. Property owners need to get to their property. Donnie Cassidy will open the Street for \$2800.00 by taking out the mulberry trees and limbing up other trees for trucks and cars to pass through.

- **LaHOIST DONATION**

LaHoist would like to donate a refrigerator for use at the Community Center. Dimensions of the space will be sent to them so that a purchase can be made.

- **GIOVANNI PADRON**

Mr. Padron has asked if he may remodel mobile home on Becker property if he purchased it. Council responded negatively. The mobile home was permitted by Special Use Permit with the proviso that it be removed when Mrs. Becker no longer lived there. If he wants to purchase the property and then request a new special use permit for a new mobile home, he may; but it is not a favorable situation.

- **TELEPHONE UPGRADE**

A crew was digging in the Orange Lake area and cut the fiber optic lines to the telephones and internet in the area. When repairs were made, the Town office phones and internet was still not working. A service order has been placed for repairs, but an upgrade is due which may incur charges. The phone equipment at the office is very outdated and permission is requested for necessary upgrades. When lines are evaluated, and cost is determined, we will visit the request again.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk