

Reddick Town Council Meeting  
June 6, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 6, 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	Lucy Ward	Albert Ragor	Dick Gerard
Pam Gerard	George Stratton			

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 May, 2019 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Pulliam made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of May, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$8,471, 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 was not present due to inservice requirements. She forwarded a report for May and Mayor Stroup presented. There were 11 calls for service within the city limits consisting of mainly of burglary and petit theft. There was one case of domestic battery and one of arson/grand theft. Report attached. One of the burglaries was a resident of Mrs. Martin's group home. DCF is being notified as to legality of the group home.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

A certified letter was mailed to Jason Kipfer on April 16th and as we must begin the process again with the County Code Enforcement. 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. They are still non-compliant as of this date, June 6th, the Council will turn over the violation to County Code Enforcement. A permit was pulled for one of the houses to be taken down. Other violations still exist. The Town will need to proceed with legal action to prevent zoning violations. Concerning the unserviceable vehicles, under the Solid Waste Ordinance passed Oct. 7, 1999, one definition for unserviceable vehicles states "it shall be unlawful for any unserviceable vehicle to be within 50 feet of the property line except for in an enclosed garage. County Code Enforcement says that if the vehicle is pulled 50 feet from property line it is not in violation. We have scheduled a meeting with Atty. Randolph Klein to address this item. It seems the entire ordinance will probably need to be rewritten to address this one item. Mr. Avery and Mr. Kipfer have moved all unserviceable vehicles 50 feet from property lines. If we go through legally changing the ordinance, it will be a 3-4 month process. It will be time consuming and expensive. The Town of Reddick must rely on the County for enforcement of code. Jeanette Pulliam commented that leaking fluids from the vehicles could contaminate water supply. Lucy Ward asked about the situation with her neighbor. Jeff Ball with the County Bldg. Dept. is out of town until the 10th and is our contact. Mrs. Ward went on the state that their fence was pushing against her chain link compromising its stability. There is a request for Jeff Ball to call Mayor Stroup when he comes back to his office.

### **ROADWORK:**

Councilman Pulliam reported that Virginia Hutto hauled some limerock in and Donnie Cassidy spread the rock on NW 38th. He also reported that Ernestine Patterson has again requested that the trees along her road be topped to keep them from falling on her house in the event of a storm.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

All street lights are working

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ADVANCED DISPOSAL**

Still trying to work on consistency of trash pickup. Trash pickup is household garbage only. Yard trash is the responsibility of the homeowner. Trash on the side of the road will not be picked up. The Town will draft a letter explaining policy of picking up only household garbage, no yard waste or limbs. If the Town has to pick up yard waste and limbs left on the side of the road, an invoice will be sent to the home owner for the cost to the Town.

- **KOST HOG PEN**

Mr. Rager states he measured the hog pen, and it is not 50 feet from the property line. it is 37 feet at one point and 41 feet at another. Council President Rogers said he would notify Mr. Kost again that the pen must be 50 feet from the property line.

### **PARTIAL OPEN OF BYRNE STREET**

The Town has received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. George Stratton with a survey by James Chambers on Byrne Street. Mulberry trees have grown up in the roadway. He is requesting that the trees be removed, making the road passable. It does not have to be paved. Fences, barns, and gates have been built on the road right-of-way. Mr. Stratton is asking that we clear enough of the roadway for him to access his hayfields. We will need to take down mulberry trees and limb up others. Donnie Cassidy will clear and haul away to the gate for \$ 2800. He will make it wide enough for a tractor to pass through. Motion was made by Councilman Joyner to clear the roadway to the gate and award the job to Donnie Cassidy. Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **LAHOIST REFRIGERATOR DONATION:**

Lahoist has notified the Town Clerk that they will be donating a refrigerator large enough to fit in space provided in Community Center kitchen.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **TAXABLE VALUE OF TOWN:**

A letter was received from the Marion County Property Appraiser for the value of property in the Town of Reddick. It is currently estimated at \$12,270,000.

#### **RAYMOND-JAMES:**

Earnings are currently at 2.65%, up from the less than 1% with Morgan-Stanley.

#### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMM. ON FINANCE:**

Council President Rogers read a letter from the Joint Legislative Committee in response to our Financial Report for 2017 concerning GSAB regulations.

#### **WEEDEATER REPLACEMENT:**

Councilman Pulliam took the various lawn equipment into Clayton Small Engine Repair for servicing. One of the weed eaters is beyond repair, and Councilman Pulliam is wondering if it should be replaced. Council as a whole agreed that a replacement should be purchased. Councilman Pulliam will get an estimate for purchase.

**PUBLIC MEETING ON WELL WATER CONTAMINATION:**

There will be a public meeting at the Reddick Community Center on June 13th, from 3:00-7:00pm, concerning water contamination from the State Fire College in Lowell.

**PROJECT LINUS:**

Lucy Ward is currently making blankets for children through a group called Project Linus. The project will send all materials to anyone who would like to help. It requires that you finish a small blanket/quilt to give to children for comfort. If anyone is interested, Mrs. Ward will give them the contact information.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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James R. Stroup, Mayor

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Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk