

Reddick Town Council Meeting
July 11, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 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
MCSO Tim Ogletree	Shannon Kost	Chuck Funky	Rev. Debbie Mak	

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 June, 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 June, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$6,113.34, 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 Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Reporting for Lt. Nichols was Tim Ogletree. There were 11 calls for service within the city limits consisting of mainly of burglary, battery and petit theft. Report attached. A question was asked about vehicles parked on the right-of-way and Mr. Ogletree instructed that the Communications Center Dispatch deputy should be called at 732-9111. He reminded those present that the Sheriff's Department is still short-handed. Best time to call and get results is in the morning when things are generally more quiet. He explained that the Communications Center is not part of the Sheriff's Dept. and they are working through some issues to make communications more efficient. The concern needs to be called in directly, not by third party. Mayor Stroup read printed email from a resident complaining about noise of heavy equipment going on during the night and wee hours. For noise calls, noise meters can be arranged. Issues are handled by importance. Not every car has a meter. A supervisor directs the call and Code Enforcement can also help. Mr Ogletree recommended that if 911 doesn't answer, call 732-9111. Mr. Ogletree heads up the agricultural department for the Sheriff's Office. He discussed a program called Ag Watch. He displayed a sign which is posted on a farm's fence of participating farmers. It displays an assigned number. The participant gives three names of contact and the Sheriff's Department can contact the farm when any livestock is out of their confines. A participant can sign up on the website or contact him directly.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council President Rogers has contact Atty. Randolph Klein concerning the Solid Waste Ordinance but he was currently on vacation. He will try to find out if Ordinance needs to be rewritten or if it can be amended. Kipfer is in violation of Code and the County has been notified. We have had to formal letters of complaint. Kipfer is working all night, making a lot of noise. Deputy recommended that it be called in and get a deputy out. A number will be assigned and a deputy dispatched. If he writes up a report a case number will be assigned. He said to keep calling if it continues. Reports are available once the case is closed. All cases start with a paper trail. On Lucy Ward's conflict with her neighbor's fence, Mayor Stroup reported that Building Code says this is a civil matter. Concerning other matters with the neighbor, he has been fined the maximum amount and a lien has been placed on his property. A letter was written to Charles Funky concerning a hog pen on his property. Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers met with Mr. Kost and measured with a tape. To corner of fence from neighbor's property was 43 feet, but needs to be 50 feet. If he moves a fence post three feet he would be okay, Mr. Funky stated they are not moving anything until the complaining neighbor provides a certified survey showing the dimensions. Mr. Rager stated that he would do that. The survey needs to show point of exit and corner of pen. Mr. Funky complained that other properties in town do not have fences. It was explained that only chickens, hogs, and dog kennels are mentioned in zoning ordinance.

ROADWORK:

Councilman Pulliam reported that Ernestine Patterson complained again about trees on right-of-way hanging over her house. She is going to contact Donnie Cassidy to get a price on topping the trees. The trees are on right-of-way. Trees on NW 43rd Avenue need to be removed from right-of-way and mulberries need to be trimmed. We need to contact Donnie Cassidy for quote on clearing mulberries from right-of-way.

STREET LIGHTS:

Street light at intersection of 25A and CR316 keeps going off and on. Mrs. Stroup will report it for repair.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADVANCED DISPOSAL**

Letter to Reddick resident property owners has been mailed. Residents will be billed for limbs and trash left on the right-of-way.

PARTIAL OPEN OF BYRNE STREET

Work has been completed and inspected for payment. Road is for agricultural purposes.

WEEDEATER:

Councilman Pulliam has obtained four quotes for a weedeater. BiLo: \$330.00 and a smaller one for \$280.00 with a two-year warranty. John Deere quoted \$314.46 with a 90 day warranty and Ocala Tractor quoted \$399.99 with a 5-year warranty. Though service at Ocala Tractor is not as good as BiLo, the Echo weedeater is a better piece of equipment and Ocala Tractor is offering a five-year warranty. Councilman Willis made a motion that we purchase the Echo weedeater from Ocala Tractor and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

USE OF TENNIS COURTS FOR LESSONS:

Pastor Debbie Mak asked Council for permission to do an outreach ministry to teach children tennis using the Town's tennis courts. The tennis courts need to be power cleaned. They would be teaching children how to play tennis and maybe have some refreshments. She has a teacher interested in helping.

COMMUNITY CENTER SIGN :

Wind gust blew sign over and it now needs to be replaced or repaired. Councilman Pulliam stated he has a piece of stone that could be engraved. Mayor Stroup will contact Joe Pinkston about cutting letters.

NEUTERING OF FERAL CATS:

Wanda Lasher is having a sign up for neutering feral cats at the Citra Fire Station. Please call her to get on list. They will be coming on two separate occasions. Pastor Debbie Mak stated that there was also a place in Gainesville called TNR (trap and release) that may help with feral cats.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk