

Reddick Town Council Meeting
September 5, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 5, 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:

Dick Gerard Pam Gerard Joe Perry Jeannette Pulliam Lucy Ward

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 August, 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 August, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$5834.85, giving us a positive figure for the month. The account for Maintenance of Right-of-way was excessive due to felled trees along the right-of-way. 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:

Lt. Nichols was unable to be present because of other commitments. She will present a report for August and September at our next scheduled meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

KIPFER PROPERTY: It appears that electricity has been restored to house on property even though it does not meet building code. A permit was not issued. Duke Energy says that it is the responsibility of the County. The property has not had electricity for more than 20 years and should have been inspected. Mayor Stroup will contact Jeff Ball and see why electricity was allowed to be restored without an inspection.

KOST HOG PEN: Mr. Rager has not furnished a certified survey as of this date. The issue will continue to be tabled until it is received.

ROADWORK:

Because of the amount of rain we have had, some of the roads are very rough. They were last graded on July 30th and are not due again until October 30th. A letter for grading will be sent the end of the month for regrading.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTER SIGN:**

Sign is repaired. Only the supports need to be painted.

- **LETTER SENT ABOUT YARD DEBRIS ON RIGHT OF WAY:**

Violators with yard debris on right-of-way have been notified and given until Sept. 7th to remove the debris. Councilman Willis made a motion that Donnie Cassidy be awarded the job and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Donnie Cassidy will be removing the debris from those who have not complied and they will be billed \$200.00 for its removal. If they do not pay the invoice for removal, a lien will be placed on their property and the cost of placing the lien will be added to the total.

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT - LAMAR:**

A Special Use Permit has been received from Laquanda Lamar-Poole and Katrina Lamar to place a mobile home on property located on Gatrell Bros. block 5, lots 30 and 31. There is a problem with road access. Mrs. Wheeler is having a survey made of the platted road and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar are having a survey made of the property they wish to purchase. Until these are received, a permit cannot be issued.

- **BUDGET FOR 2019-2020:**

The budget for the upcoming year was read for the second time. Based on the first reading, projected revenues are \$260,335.00. Taking out for restricted funds (gas taxes) of \$34,261.00, we have net revenues of \$226,074. Projected expenses are \$260,335, less restricted funds of \$34,261.00, leaving net expenses of \$226,074.00, resulting in a balanced budget. A contingency fund for hurricanes or other disasters has been added. Councilman Joyner made a motion to accept the projected budget as presented and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **HISPANIC CHURCH SIGN ON 25a:**

The sign has not been moved because the church has not been contacted. It is on the County right-of-way and we should contact the County. It was suggested that we contact the church first and give them the opportunity to move the sign back before contacting the County. The sign at its present location is blocking the view of traffic as you pull out from side streets. Mayor Stroup will follow up with the church and/or County.

- **IMPAIRED VIEW ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

Views from side streets that pull out on County roads (Old Dixie Highway and County 316) are being blocked or impaired by weed and trees growing on the right-of-way. This is especially dangerous for school buses now that the school year has begun. The County will be contacted.

- **PARKING IN FRONT OF ANTIQUES STORE:**

The County right-of-way of 25A extends up to the stores door. Cars are parking in front of the store which is on the right-of-way. This is blocking the view as you pull out from the

drugstore/restaurant parking area and from NW 152nd Lane turning north. Mayor Stroup will contact the store owner to try to work something out.

- **HARDWARE STORE RESTAURANT:**

Mrs. Ward asked about restaurant that was to go in where the old Hardware Store is located. The County is holding up the progress because of inspections. There are only a few inspectors and they are currently running behind schedule.

- **SEMINAR FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

Council President Rogers attended a seminar August 22nd and 23rd at St. Augustine to satisfy the state requirement concerning investments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **EXPLOSIONS AND GUN FIRE IN TOWN LIMITS:**

There have been complaints about hearing semi-automatic weapon gun fire and some type of explosions after dark on NW 48th Ave. This activity is taking place in a populated area near resident homes. Tannerite is a chemical used in sniper long-range shooting. It is put in containers to be shot by high-powered weapons. When hit, it explodes. Jimmy Smith is buying this chemical and placing the container in a fire pit and then shooting. Last week, he used too much and shook the whole town. Federal law states that you can purchase this chemical without a license even though it is an explosive. Neighbors have complained. Mayor Stroup spoke with Jimmy Smith and told him the shooting and explosives need to stop. We will see if it continues. Everyone is advised to call the sheriff's office if it continues. Guns and drinking are a dangerous situation. Jimmy Smith is the owner of the property and his son Jimmy Smith, Jr. is the shooter.

- **RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN:**

The railroad crossing sign previously standing at the intersection of NW 41st and NW 152nd St, has been moved to the railroad property where the old railroad depot stood.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk