

Reddick Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2019, 2019

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 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 E. Willis, Councilman	

ABSENT: William Pulliam, Councilman

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Lucy Ward	Michael Shannon	Julie Willis
Tony Ward	Cassie Ward	Sandra Vann	Joe Perry	Michelle Stone

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 November, 2019 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Salter made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of November, 2019, was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$730.58, giving us a positive figure for the month. Raymond-James Statement has not yet been received. Expense still exceeded income for the year by \$1,632.84 due to the payment of our annual insurance premium. Councilman Salter made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. Nichols was not available for the meeting. Commissioner Michelle Stone addressed those present concerning the extension of the one-cent sales tax which ends December 31, 2020. Work has been started to extend this tax for another four years. The one-cent sales tax has accomplished more than anticipated. Several roads have been resurfaced (25A in our area), the sheriff's department has received new vehicles for their fleet, and new fire engines. This is just an extension of the tax and we are looking at 60% to be used for transportation and 40% to be used for public safety, which includes the sheriff's dept and animal control. Comm. Stone spoke for the Board of County Comm. who unanimously agreed to put the one-cent tax back on the ballot for voting. The County is looking at 55 miles of roadwork, hoping to relieve the congestion on the SR200 corridor, especially at the south end of the county. Also, looking at a new interchange between Hwy 27 and County 326 to come out at 225A to bypass Ocala 1-75 to 80th. A new radio system was purchased for the sheriff's department which needs upgrades already. The animal shelter needs upgrading. It is expected that \$236,634,000 will be generated over the four-year extension. The County will get appx. \$195 million, with the municipalities sharing about \$40 million. Reddick has received appx. \$72,000 during the past year. this has allowed us to replenish what we have lost from the restructuring of the gas taxes. Hopefully, the sheriff's

dept. will have money freed up to get more staff. We need to promote this. Again, it is not a new tax, but an extension of the current one-cent tax already in place.

Comm. Stone addressed a question about the 1-75 to I-95 connector. She stated that there is a meeting at the Hilton on Wed., December 11th. The "Coastal Connector" is dead. However, there is a new "Suncoast Connector" from Wildwood and I-75 to Citrus County, not through Marion County. The County Comm. does not want anything coming through "horse country". The County Comm. will try to reguide any growth away from this area.

Concerning the traffic light at C326 and C25A, calls have been placed with Marion County Transportation but no one has returned them. Comm. Stone is working on getting more information and perhaps a study started on traffic flow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Marion County is working on a Sexual Predator Ordinance. The County does not currently have an ordinance concerning distances. Once the County passes the ordinance, municipalities must then pass like ordinances. This would be at a significant cost. The County is presently rewriting their ordinance and when it is passed, we will be able to have an interlocal agreement like we currently have with Code Enforcement and Animal Control. This will save us a great deal of time and money.

ROADWORK:

Intersection views at the corner of NW 155th and NW 41st and the views at CR 316 and NW 42nd Terrace have been cleared, also where you turn onto NW 44th Ave Rd from NW 155th going north. Comm. Stone reported that tree trimming issues are woefully behind schedule. She was brought up-to-date on issues on C316 just before the four lane where school buses have trouble navigating. Also issues on C316 just passed the interstate.

The street sign and stop sign at corner of NW 155th St and NW 41st Avenue have been removed, but not yet replaced.

The road through the Wheeler property is open and is also disked and seeded.

STREET LIGHTS:

Councilman Salter reported a light out at 44th Ave Rd. and he will get the pole number to Mrs. Stroup for reporting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Six tables have been purchased for the Community Center and eight have been repaired. We are looking to purchase more plastic chairs, we need about 100. We will be contacting the surplus warehouse in Starke. We need to get more chairs with wheels also.

- **FLOORS IN COMMUNITY CENTER NEED WAXING:**

The chairs have scraped the finish on the floors and tables have been dragged across the floors. They are in need of waxing. We have contacted someone to get them done before Christmas.

The charge will be \$500.00. This includes three coats of wax and all materials provided. Previously we have had the prison ladies to the floors, but time is a problem as they would not be able to get it done before Christmas. Councilman Joyner made a motion to have the floors waxed for \$500.00 and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FILE CABINETS AND SECURITY LOCKS FOR OLD RECORDS:**
We are looking to purchase more file cabinets with locks to store old records of historical value. We need to also put new locks on storage in Comm. Ctr. closets.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS:**
Councilman Pulliam is out due to his wife's illness. Christmas tree lights for outside of Community Center will be handled by Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup.
- **TRIMMING MULBERRIES FROM RIGHT-OF-WAYS:**
The right-of-ways need to be trimmed back. We will need to get bids for work to begin in January, 2020.
- **RECOGNITION OF WORK BY LOWELL CORRECTIONAL:**
Since we are not permitted to reward ladies for work they do at the Community Center, we will send a letter of appreciation to Lowell Correctional.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk