

Reddick Town Council Meeting
February 6, 2020

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2020, 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	Jan Stratton	George Stratton
Patricia Simpson	Joe Perry	Jody Meyer	Lt. April Nichols

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 January, 2020 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 January, 2020 was presented. Income exceeded expense by \$7110.96, giving us a positive figure for the month. Raymond-James Statement has not yet been received. Income exceeded expense for the year, giving us a positive YTD of \$11750.15. Two CDs from Renasant Bank were cashed in totaling \$22865.58. Those monies and an additional 26, 234.42 from our checking account, totaling \$250,000 was the deposited in the Raymond James cash account which will yield a higher return on investments. Councilman Pulliam 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 submitted a report for the months of December, 2019 and January, 2020 for the northwest district, which includes Reddick. There were a total of 4,000 services calls for the two months with only 12 deputies available for response. Lt. Nichols asked for the number for Friendship Baptist Church. She has been trying to contact them, but she has not contact information. Council President Rogers will find out and get a contact number to her. This is an on-going problem with this church in that they do not clear anything which involves others. There are concerns over parking and traffic flow for their upcoming fundraiser which they have not considered. The pastor is available at the church on Wednesday nights about 6:00 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Marion County is still working on a Sexual Predator Ordinance. 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. Nothing new to report.

ROADWORK:

Stop sign and street sign at NW 155th and NW 41st Terr. are still not up. Councilman Pulliam states that the Town has some sign posts. He and Councilman Willis will check on getting it up. He will also be contacting Donnie Cassidy about trimming mulberries and Town right-of-ways. Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup will do a drive through and making a listing of areas needing work. Because of costs involved, we will need to get bids.

STREET LIGHTS:

Joe Perry stated that the street light at NW 151st and NW 41st by the cemetery is cycling on and off. He will get the pole number and give it to Mrs. Stroup for reporting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Council President Rogers checked on chair pricing and quality and found some at Sam's Club. There were two. One was a light weight, commercial grade, indoor or outdoor, with five year warranty priced at \$21.98 per chair. The other was a heavier, commercial grade with a five-year warranty at \$29.98 per chair. We will need to order about 100 chairs. The lighter weight chair will take up less room in storage. He also checked with Staples and they were a much higher cost. Councilman Pulliam moved that we purchase the less expensive chair and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **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 areas in Comm. Ctr. closets. The large closet in the short hallway needs to be partitioned off so that one half can be used for regular storage and the other half supplied with a lock for old records. We will need to hire someone to build the partition and install locks. We will still need get quotes for the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FLASHING CAUTION LIGHTS AT CR 316 AND CR 25A:**

Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup met with Commissioner Stone and the County Dept. of Transportation about warning lights at this intersection. This is a four-way stop. An overhead flashing caution light was entail a lot of construction for the small area and cost appx. \$100,000, and it will take about a year to complete. An alternative to the overhead light, is to put a flashing light on each stop sign which could be done this year and be finished by July. The cost for this alternative would be appx. \$31,000. The County is checking on whether they can forego a new bid process since they already have bids from the company they will probably use. They will also move the 35 mph speed limit sign beyond bus stop. Both roads are county roads and the cost will be borne by the county.

- **FDOT PUBLIC MEETING MAY 12:**

Topic to be announced.

- **NEW ELECTRIC POLES:**

100 foot poles will be installed. Direction for power pole is yet to be determined. At this time the turnpike cut through is not going through Marion County.

- **FL LEAGUE OF CITIES INSPECTION:**

Insurance inspection took place on January 27th. The report provided showed some actions that we need to take. Fire extinguishers need to be mounted and marked, one in the kitchen and one in the social hall. The gas tank and generator need lines protected from lawn mowers, etc. The old pews on the porch need to be removed and finally, the walkway needs to be replaced. The sidewalk is six feet wide and 31 feet long. It will need to be removed and a replaced. It was damaged by people backing their vehicles to front doors and unloading/loading, breaking down sidewalk.

- **CARUTHERS CONCRETE:**

Caruthers Concrete provided an estimate to remove and replace sidewalk with heavy duty concrete, reinforcing, county permits, and plastic sheeting and termite barrier for \$3100.00. Councilman Willis made a motion that we accept Caruthers bid and motion was seconded by Councilman Joyner. Motion carried.

- **TENNIS LESSONS:**

Jan Stratton would like to use the tennis courts for a couple of hours once a week to give tennis lessons for free. Probably Saturday's from 8:00-10:00am. She would like to put a sign up and beginners would be welcome. Mayor Stroup stated that he felt that it would be a great idea. Jan questioned insurance and liability. Council President Rogers replied that the Town would need a Certificate of Insurance from the program naming the Town as coinsured. Jan said that the United Methodist Church would be sponsoring the program. He went on to state that a release signed by participants, or participant's parents, which names an emergency contact would also be needed. Since children are involved, a special child protection policy requiring a screening and background check is required. It can be done through the Methodist Church. Kids will have to have their own transportation. First aid kits and water will be provided by Jan Stratton. She inquired about restrooms. This can be a problem, as there are not restrooms at the courts. Councilman Joyner made a motion to allow the use of the courts once all documentation is received and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **SUP for SHIPPING CONTAINERS/MOBILE HOME:**

Jody Meyer inquired about placing shipping containers together to make a home and a lot 50x150 feet on NW 47th Court. He would like to place one container on lot with window and door to use for storage. Later he would bring another container and weld it to the first to build a living unit. Council President Rogers stated that it must be less than 5 yrs old (made and built). Any mobile home must be less than 5 years old. Mr. Meyer stated that he could get a container for about \$2000. He stated that in the area he saw vacant vehicles and a vacant travel trailer. Council President Rogers said this was code violation. Mr. Meyer stated that they were located on NW 47th Ct, between NW 156th and 155th, behind Dollar General. Mr. Meyer said the parcel number he was interested in buying as #06663-00304. Mayor Stroup stated that with setbacks, the parcel was too small. Mr. Meyer asked if he could build a tiny house as long as he meets setbacks and county permitting. Council President Rogers went on to say that he could not put a

tour bus or RV to live in on the property. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan has set regulations. Mr. Meyer said that in the description from Property Appraiser the lot is 49.25 feet by 100 feet, and is zoned R-2. To get a Special Use Permit the lot must be 50 x 100 feet. To build a tiny house, Mr. Meyer will need to bring a site plan showing boundaries, setbacks, well and septic and floor plan for approval from Town Council and permits will come from the County. The Town will need to send a letter to the County giving approval for permitting or placing a shipping container.

- **CONSTRUCTION ON NW 152ND LANE:**

Councilman Pulliam asked about construction previously proposed on NW 152nd Lane and specifically about water drainage from lots into sinkhole areas that might contaminate aquifer with ground water. Council President responded that the County will be doing permitting, inspections, and overseeing development.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk