

REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2020

MINUTES

The Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the Community Building at 7:30 PM

PRESENT:

James Stroup, Mayor
Steven Rogers, Council President
Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

William Pulliam, Councilman
William Willis, Councilman
Michael Salter, Councilman

ABSENT:

Thomas Joyner, Councilman

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard Lucy Ward Frederick Franks Patricia Simpson
Joe Perry

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Steven Rogers, who gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Minutes of the February 6, 2020, meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Pulliam made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of Feb, 2020, was presented. Income exceeded expenses by \$9365. and expenses still exceed income for the year by \$5,170. The Raymond James Statement for September has not been received. Councilman Willis made motion that we accept the financial report as presented and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Lt. Nichols was unable to attend the Council meeting, but sent a report for the month of February. New software does not yet allow her to access data for Reddick only so report reflected activity for her district. She met with Friendship Baptist Church about their Festival on March 21 and potential parking and traffic problems. The pastor advised that they will have parking attendants to direct parking and he advised that law enforcement from Marion County would not be needed. Lt. Nichols will have patrols monitor the traffic on both event days to ensure there are no problems. The Town Council again notified the pastor that the Council needed to be informed several months in advanced to make the parking for the Community Center available for their event. Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers met with the County concerning drugs and alcohol sales. The task force is now aware of the situation and will do an investigation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The Sexual Predator Ordinance is still in planning stages.

ROADWORK:

Roads have been graded and signs on NW 41st Terr. are up. Councilman Pulliam stated that some of the road areas need some limerock added to them. Areas that are needing the mulberries and brush trimmed back and limbed up have been designated and sent out for bids. So far Donnie Cassidy and Squeekie Klean Landscaping are interested. Dick Gerard suggested we look at areas needing attention in case of hurricane, but Council President said that it was over budget at this time. Councilman Pulliam stated that we need to spray with roundup after cutting a couple of times and it will help keep the brush from growing back.

STREET LIGHTS:

All lights are working

OLD BUSINESS:

- **CHAIRS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

New chairs have been purchased and old chairs have been removed. We have 92 of the white chairs available for events with some folding chairs if needed. Capacity for the Center is 125 and we have 124 available chairs.

- **DEPT. OF TRANSP. MEETING:**

There will be a public meeting on May 12th about Environmental and Project Development for I-75 from Wildwood to SR200 and from SR200 to Sr234.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER SIDEWALK:**

Replacement of the sidewalk for the Community Center is scheduled for March 25th, March 26th, and March 27th. We will also move parking bumpers to keep people from driving on it to unload at front doors. All loading and unloading should be done at rear door.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY HOUSE RENTAL FEES:**

Annual cost estimates for the year are running as follows: Expenses run about \$600./mo. but income is running about \$300./mo. So far this year, we are averaging about \$150/mo. Motion was made by Councilman Salter and seconded by Councilman Willis that the following changes be made effective immediately:

Rent for residents and non-profits in the Town Limits will be \$100.00 per day with a \$200.00 damage deposit.

Rent for non-residents will be \$500.00 per day with a \$200.00 damage deposit.

Anyone not following rules will lose their damage deposit. Center will be inspected before and after the event to note any damages. Motion carried.

- **LOTS OWNED BY TOWN:**

Mayor Stroup stated that he has had inquiries about purchasing lots owned by the Town. There are currently four lots, but only two are side by side allowing an area big enough for use. The other two lots are too small to be used for anything except to be added to a bordering property. Currently, the Town has liability for these lots and the responsibility for maintenance. People have been parking old vehicles (18-20) and dumping trash on the lots. It will take about \$8,000-10,000 to clean up and remove the trash. The current value per the property appraiser for a 50 x 100 ft lot is \$1062.00 to \$2000. The double lot is appraised at \$3180. If we sold them, we would also incur the costs of surveying and closing. We could do a quick claim deed and not have a survey. We would still have the problem of Code Enforcement coming and being able to enforce the regulations. We will need to make sure that purchasers understand that they cannot do anything with the parcels as is. They must be added to adjoining lots to increase size. Councilman Willis said that sell them to get rid of them. Council President said we could sell the 100 x 100 ft lots (2 50 x 100 joined) for \$ 3000 and the other two lots for \$1000 each but must join parcels to they already own and be open to doing a quick claim deed. Councilman Salter made a motion that we sell the properties as discussed and a letter that it is for boundary only and that nothing can be put on the property without first coming to the Town Council for approval. Councilman Pulliam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **FREDERICK FRANKS AND PROPERTY NEXT TO POST OFFICE:**

Mr. Franks would like to put three duplexes in and to buy the Town lot that is adjacent. Council President responded that the town lot is not available for sale in that it is being made available to post office for parking issues and for now it is a designated road. The rest of the property Mr. Franks would like to build on is zoned R-2 and is large enough for two duplexes. Council President Rogers Mr. Franks needs to follow the proper setbacks (front- 25 ft, side-10 ft, and back-20 ft). All permitting will be done at the County office.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk