

REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2020

MINUTES

The Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2020, remotely by phone conference at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT:

James Stroup, Mayor

William Willis, Councilman

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

Steven Rogers, Council President

Michael Salter, Councilman

Thomas Joyner, Councilman

ABSENT: William Pulliam, Councilman

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Steven Rogers and Mayor Stroup gave an invocation to open the meeting.

Mayor Stroup began the meeting with an announcement concerning Councilman Pulliam and his request that we remove him from Council because of health. Procedure for replacing him on the Council per the Town Charter is that the Mayor will appoint a replacement who would serve out the remainder of Councilman Pulliam's term, at which time the replacement would need to qualify for re-election. Mayor Stroup will make a candidate selection and bring it before the Council at the June meeting.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Minutes of the April 2, 2020, meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Salter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of April, 2020, was presented. Expense exceeded income by over \$12,000. This was due to the fact that we had received a bill from the accountants for \$12,000 for the compilation of the town books and the additional cost for maintenance of the right-of-ways to trim mulberries and other vegetation. Councilman Joyner made motion that we accept the financial report as presented and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

No report was available.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

County Code Enforcement is working with a limited staff due to Covid-19 and there has been no new development on the Sexual Predator Ordinance.

ROADWORK:

Road right-of-ways have been cleared of mulberries and other vegetation. The shoulder of CR 316 at NW 42nd Terrace has been patched. Councilman Salter stated that the patch at NW 157th and NW 48th Ave is failing and needs to be repatched. Council President Rogers stated that two trees have fallen on Bryan St. along railroad right of way and way to Mr. Funky's property blocking road. Also a tree is down which is ½ on town right-of-way and ½ on private property, but it has fallen onto private property. Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers will make a determination after evaluating the situation. A request has been made by the owner.

STREET LIGHTS:

A street light is out on NW 148th at NW 42nd. This will be reported by Mrs. Stroup.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **BIDS FOR CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAYS:**

Bid for cleaning right-of-way was accepted by Council from Squeekie Klean. The bid of \$4,000 was accepted and work is completed and invoice has been paid. Additional work needed to be done to get to the areas that needed clearing. The additional cost was \$500.00, for a final cost of \$4,500.00. This additional cost was approved by Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE:**

Council President Rogers stated that he was being updated every Monday and Friday evening by Emergency Management, giving all activities. Council President Rogers sits in on meeting via phone conference all. Things are opening up but we are still trying to be cautious and expect people to wear masks and practice social distancing.

- **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF KIMBERLY HALLING SCHOLARSHIP:**

Mayor Stroup reported that Reddick-Collier Elem will be having a completion ceremony on May 21st. The program will be conducted by car caravan.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS:**

All scheduled events at the Community Center will reopen for events on June 1st, provided there is not a resurgence of Covid-19 and social distancing rules are lessened.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ELECTRICAL WORK FOR COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Donnie Cassidy is going to do electrical and repair work at Community Center while it is closed to events. Work will include replacing electrical outlets, light ballasts, and locks on doors as well as a partition to hall closet for storage of old files.

- **CLEANING SIGNAGE:**

We will be cleaning signs in the area. The Reddick Library sign is in dire need of repair and cleaning and is embarrassing to the Town. The Town will draft a letter to the library requesting that they take care of cleaning or replacing with a new sign. Mayor Stroup stated that it has been requested for the past 3 years in the local library budget. He will let them know that a letter is coming.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

