

Reddick Town Council Meeting
July 2, 2020

MINUTES

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at the Community Building at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT:

James R. Stroup, Mayor	Michael Salter, Councilman
Steven Rogers, Council President	Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk
Thomas Joyner, Councilman	Martha Cromwell, Councilman
William E. Willis, Councilman	

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Lucy Ward	Jacquie Joyner
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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 June, 2020 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections being made, Councilman Salter made a motion to accept minutes as presented, and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The financial statement for the month of June, 2020 was presented. Expense exceeded income by \$1,625., giving us a negative figure for the month. This was due largely due reduced revenues in gas taxes and sales taxes. Revenue Sharing has been reduced by 45% for the remainder of the year. Raymond-James Statement has not yet been received. Income exceeded expense for the year, giving us a positive YTD. Councilman Joyner made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Salter seconded the motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

No report was available and Lt. Nichols was not able to be present. Mayor Stroup reported that he contacted Lt. Nichols. She will be transferring to Watch Commander and our new Commander will be Mike Joyner. Mayor sent an email welcoming him and was told that commanders will not be attending meetings as requested due to Covid 19. No report was received. We have not heard any response from requests about gunfire in June meeting notes. Hopefully, our new Commander will be more responsive or at least communicate with Town Council and citizens. We will give them some time to see how things progress. Reports are that he was here last night. Remember, concerns and situations should always be documented in Council meeting minutes which are shared with the County Commission and Sheriff's Department. Gatherings on NW 157th continue. This has been an ongoing problem for over two years. The "No Trespass" signs are down again, but there is still a "no trespass" order on file with the Sheriff's Dept.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Because of Covid 19, the Code Enforcement office is being restrictive in what they do. Right-of-way parking on NW 148th Place continues. Also, junk and litter on NW 148th Place and on NW 46th. We need to contact the sheriff's office to enforce the no right-of-way parking ordinance.

He will try to get someone from Code Enforcement to meet with the Council and go to addresses in question. Citizens become extremely frustrated about junk and violations. We will send a letter concerning parking on the right-of-way and about junk and litter from Mayor Stroup to resident stating that they are in violation. The Council will then address it and report it to the county for the next step.

ROADWORK:

A letter for grading has been received by the County Road Dept. Gordon Fisher met with his crew and they are to evaluate the grading work that needs to be done and sent out a crew next week. A load of lime from the county will cost \$140.00 a load and we have permission to store it on Donnie Cassidy's property. Mayor Stroup commented that in the past we have purchased from Virginia Hutto (who did not respond as yet with quote) for \$90.00 a load. He will contact Donnie tomorrow to see if Mrs. Hutto will bring load for use in patching and repairs. There is a stop sign on NW 157th by the post office that is hidden and trees need to be trimmed again. Councilman Joyner is requesting some new stop signs to replace old ones that are damaged and a new bump sign that is missing. Clerk will call the county road department to get pricing and to be sure that new signs will fit on old posts. We will need give stop signs and one bump sign. We have old posts in tractor shed it we need to replace any of the posts.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE:**
Overhead lights for hall need to be replaced as they are obsolete and ballasts and bulbs can no longer be purchased. Donnie Cassidy gave us a bid for the new lights which will be LED lights. The cost of the 9 lights and fixture is \$1,160.58. Lights have been ordered but there is a delay in shipping because of Covid 19.
- **COVID 19 UPDATE:**
EOS is no longer giving updates. We are to go to state website for information. Councilman Rogers has requested the Marion County Health Department to set up a testing site in the northwest area (maybe to school) After three calls, he still has had no response as of this date. Out of the Reddick postal zip code there are approx. 3200 households or 9,500 people. This would provide a significant benefit to the northwest area. Concerning the Community Center rental, it would entail monitoring for masks, social distancing, etc. as well as sanitizing after each use. We do not have the staff to effectively do this. It was the decision of the Council to revisit opening the Center for events at the September meeting.
- **RV PARK NEAR FLEMINGTON:**
Mayor Stroup explained that a 40 acre tract is being considered by mud boggin races. The decision of the County Commission was to rezone their maps to show the RAC zoning for a Dollar General by Johnson's Store, but both the request for an ATV tract and a request for ATV trails failed.

- **TRASH PILED ON RIGHT OF WAY:**

Pulling out from United Baptist Church, there is a pile of trash probably from the store . It is on the right of way and Angel's Food Mart property. We need to contact Angel's and ask them to clean it up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COVID 19 RELIEF FUND:**

\$150 Billion is available for expenditures for government and municipalities for reimbursement of expenses related to the Covid 19 crisis. Marion Co. has been allocated \$37 million. Lost revenues from Covid 19 are not eligible.

- **PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2021:**

Preliminary budget for 2021 was presented. Revenues were decreased by appx. 21% due to the effects of Covid 19. A proposed working revenue for next year is projected to be \$196,079. Expense cuts were made wherever possible and as closely as possible. Some areas will go up because of provider increases. Projections of expense vs. income gives us a shortfall of \$17,406. This will require a transfer from restricted funds to balance the budget. The first reading of the new budget will be at the next Council meeting, with a final reading at the Sept. meeting. We are hoping not to have to have an city taxes which would be done by a millage rate. The 1 cent sales tax is up for a vote in the fall. If it does not pass, we will lose \$61,500 in revenue. If that happens, we will have to go to millage taxes.

All business being finished, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stroup, Mayor

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk