

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 6, 2020

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

James R. Stroup, Mayor
Marjorie Stroup, Clerk
Steven Rogers, Council Pres.

COUNCILMEN

Thomas Joyner
Martha Cromwell

ABSENT:

Michael Salter William Willis

GUESTS

Pam Gerard Dick Gerard Cody Strickland Ali Wainwright
George Stratton Jan Stratton Michelle Stone

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Rogers, with Mayor Stroup giving an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the July 2, 2020, meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Councilman Joyner to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Cromwell seconded motion and motion carried.
- Financial statement for the month of July was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and income exceed expenses for the month by \$3494, and also for the year by \$20, 148. Councilman Joyner made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Cromwell seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

No one from the Sheriff's Dept was present to give a report . Additionally, no report was received either by email or phone. We understand that Sheriff's staff are not attending meetings due to Covid 19 restrictions, but we would still like to receive a report each month. We will request clarification as to why we have not heard from anyone for the past several months. We also would like an explanation as to why we do not receive follow up call from dispatched calls even when it has been requested at the time a 911 call is made.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Letters have been sent out to Michelle Richter, Frank Brown, and Larosa Sims concerning parking on the right-of-way and/ junk and litter. We have not had a response from Ms. Richter or Ms Sims. Mr Brown has contacted us and has moved his truck. Others have been given until Sep. to rectify the violations. A second letter will go out before the Sep. meeting.

ROAD WORK:

Limerock was ordered by Gordon Fisher related that County trucks are not permitted to go on private property. The site to be used for storage is on private property. Mr. Gordon is seeking permission to deliver to our requested site. Michelle Stone commented that she would also check into getting the clearance. New stop signs have been received. Councilman Joyner will get with Councilman Salter to install them.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE: All overhead lights have been replaced except for two, which are on backorder. They will be installed as soon as they arrive.

COVID 19 UPDATE: There is nothing new to report. CARES FUNDS are available for municipalities for COVID 19 issues and protections. Monies cannot be used to replace revenues lost. Mayor Stroup and Council President Rogers met with Mark Landers with Marion County Health Dept. about getting a Covid testing location for the northwest part of the county. We were going to set up a station in front of the Community Center some in Aug. Mr. Landers was enthusiastic about providing this service, however, a tropical storm was coming in and staffing was also a problem. They are currently at the Livestock Pavilion. We will continue to pursue it and try to make it happen. It would be on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8:00 am. For now, it has been put on hold. We have requested enough notice to advertise the date and location and are shooting for 250 testing kits.

BUDGET FOR 2020-2021: The first reading of the 2020-2021 budget was read for approval. The budget will go into effect on October 1, 2020. Revenue projections are down due to Covid 19 and Expense has been trimmed as closely as possible. The Discretionary 1 cent tax is on the ballot for renewal. If this does not pass, we will need to rework the budget and discontinue some services currently being provided as the tax accounts for a large portion of our budget revenue. A motion for acceptance of the budget as presented was made by Councilman Joyner and was seconded by Councilman Cromwell. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL USE PERMIT-R. PETRICK: A special use permit application has been received from Robert Petrick. Ali Wainwright was present as his representative. All paper work was in order and payment for permit has been received. Notice was posted July 23, 2020. The permit is for placing a new double-wide mobile home on a property on NW 48th Avenue. Councilman Joyner made a motion that we approve the permit and Councilman Cromwell seconded the motion. The special use permit was approved, providing all County building codes are followed and all County permits are pulled.

UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY: To comply with state mandates, our current investment policy needed to be updated. All council members received a copy of the proposed policy prior to the meeting so that they could discuss any questions they may have. The new plan will give the Town and Raymond James more flexibility for future investments. The only change that needs to be made is attachment "A" which states the main depository is Wells Fargo, which we have learned recently, will be closing its branch in Reddick. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that we accept the new Investment Policy and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT: The copier in the Town office is not working. Although several calls have been made to three companies for repairs, no one has as yet returned the calls or given an estimate on costs of repairs. The machine is an older model. The Clerk would like to replace the copier with an HP All-In-One. The machine would cost the Town \$450.00 and would be sufficient to do the printing and copying necessary for the Town. Councilman Joyner made a motion that we purchase the All-In-One and Councilman Cromwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NO LITTERING SIGN: Mr George Stratton requested that a "no littering" sign be placed on County Road 316 because of the daily litter being strewn along the road. This is a County road and a request will be made to the County for a sign. The Town cannot put any signs on a county road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

Approved:

James R. Stroup, Mayor