

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 3, 2020

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEN

Thomas Joyner  
Martha Cromwell  
William Willis  
Myra Sherman

GUESTS

Margarita Sullivan    Lt. Mike Joyner    Lucy Ward    Pam Gerard    Dick Gerard

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 Nov 5, 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 November was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and income exceeded expense for the month by \$3,037.61. Statement showed FMV of investments to be excessive and it was felt that there was an error in the journal entry. We will check with the accountants and report next month. Councilman Cromwell made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Willis seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.
- The CD with Millennium Bank has matured and was renewed for three years at .75% interest.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Joyner gave a report on the activity in Reddick for the month of November. There were a total of 66 logged calls, of which the majority were misdemeanors and traffic stops. Council President Rogers asked Lt. Joyner about activity and gatherings on NW 157th which are still occurring and have been for the past 4 or 5 years. He advised the Lt. that there was a no trespass order on the property initiated by the owner and that the Sheriff's Dept has a copy. Lt. Joyner will try to contact Ms. Garcia concerning the activity.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

As of now, our interlocal agreement has not been as effective as hoped. Council President Rogers reported that the owner of the old JC Garage property on NW Gainesville Road is in violation of Town zoning. The owner was informed at the time of his purchase and at a council meeting that the property was rezoned to residential in 2011 by the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kipfer has erected a privacy fence around the property and we have received complaints of noise violations and of loud equipment running. It seems they are digging holes and burying trash, car parts and tires, etc. in the wee hours of the morning. Mr. Kipfer has at least 35 vehicles and Code Enforcement states that as long as they are 50-ft from the property line, it is ok according to our Plan. The vehicles are now spreading out again. Neighbors are too frightened to report noise to Sheriff's Dept. Does the Town Council want to start procedures to make our Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive plan match. We will need to notify owners of properties where changes are being made, advertise, hold public hearings and get legal assistance. We would bring the Ordinance and Plan up-to-date and notify the County. Mr. Kipfer is also parking on the right-of-way overnight and we should notify EPA of his dumping gas, oil, and other waste. This is going to be a major fight. Electric power was hooked up without an inspection because the County approved. We must bring the County up-to-date. We will need an attorney to help rewrite the plans.

Another issue is that one of the occupants of the property has a drone and is flying it over neighbors houses. These neighbors are frightened and want help. Councilman Willis stated that we must first notify the County of the zoning of the property from Business to Residential. Councilman Cromwell made a motion to begin the process to bring the

Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan Map up-to-date and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to begin process. Council President Rogers will contact Atty. Klein to begin.

**ROAD WORK:**

There are potholes at entrance to post office and at the 4-way stop near Mrs. Hoover's house. The roads also need grading. Councilmen need to do a drive through the town and count holes that need to be patched. The County was notified that the roads need grading and that they will need to bring limerock. The County Road Dept contacted the Mayor to grade roads and will be bringing in the necessary limerock, possibly three loads.

**STREET LIGHTS:**

All street lights seem to be working.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

• **ADVANCED DISPOSAL UPDATE:**

Jose Bostan with Waste Management in Orlando informed us that Advanced Disposal was purchased and that we will need to find a new provider as they will not be renewing our contract. They have no residential accounts in the northend of the county, but they will provide service until we find another provider; hopefully, by January 1. Council President Rogers has contacted three providers and had three bids to present.

- 1) **Premier** will provide a single pick up once a week, household garbage only, using existing trash cans, and automated pick up for \$12.50 per household based on 200 houses and will begin Jan. 1
- 2) **Waste Pro** will provide a single pick up once a week, household garbage only, using existing trash cans but will replace as needed, automated pick up for \$13.25 per household based on 200 houses and give a 3-yr contract with options to extend and can begin Jan. 1
- 3) **Florida Express** will provide a single pick up once a week, household garbage only, provide new trash totes, and automated pick up for \$13.00 per household based on 200 houses with a 1 or 2- year contract and can begin Jan. 1.

All three are highly rated and are recommended by Waste Management. Councilman Willis made a motion to accept the bid from Florida Express and Councilman Joyner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. We will need to send a letter to residents notifying them of the change and give them the new pickup date and time.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Center will continue to be closed for events and will be reviewed at the Jan. meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• **COVID 19 UPDATE:**

Council President Rogers attended a meeting in Ocala concerning the Covid 19 vaccination plan. The vaccine will need special freezers to maintain a -75 degree C temperature, airplanes will need to be retrofitted for transportation, and new vials will need to be manufactured. They hope to have 40 million doses early in Dec-Jan. and 35 million more by July. Priorities are set by the CDC and Marion County will follow CDC regulations. Order of vaccinations: 1) 1st responders, 2) long-term facilities (administered by Walgreens and CVS), and 3) key infrastructure people. It is a two-part shot spaced 21-28 days apart. Shots are administered and then patient must wait 20 minutes before leaving. We hope to set up a vaccination station at the Community Center when it is available to disperse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup