

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 7, 2021

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 7, 2021, 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	Preston Bowlin	Lucy Ward	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Debra Ballard Maynard
John Vetter	Patricia Sandridge	Felicito Torres	Eric Aiker	George Stratton	Janet Stratton
Kim Law	Joe Perry				

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 Dec 3, 2020, meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Councilman Joyner to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Willis seconded motion and motion carried.
- Financial statement for the month of December was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and income exceeded expense for the month by \$7,013. Error on last month's statement showing FMV of investments to be excessive has been corrected. Error was caused by an incorrect formula. FMV is; however, still in the negative and is reported as -\$15,674. for the year. Projections still stay at \$47,000 interest for the year on investments. Councilman Willis made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Joyner seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Joyner was unable to be present but did send a report for the month of December. There were a total of 68 logged calls, of which the majority were misdemeanors and traffic stops. We have no update on the no trespass order on the property initiated by the owner and that the Sheriff's Dept has a copy. Lt. Joyner was to contact Ms. Garcia concerning the activity. Lucy Ward stated that she called in a report on suspicious activity at the old school. Mayor Stroup stated that someone from the School Board was on the agenda but has not shown. School is being damaged inside and windows have been broken. Several incidents did not show up on the report provided.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup will be meeting next week with legal team and litigation seems to be necessary concerning violations on the Kipfer property and NW Gainesville Rd. If we can avoid litigation, we will; but we will know more next week.

ROAD WORK:

We have cleared Edvena Harris Lane (NW 46th Terr) so that Florida Express trucks can get through. Road grading was done, but more limerock was not put out. Previously, Mayor Stroup discussed the roads needing grading with the Marion Co. Road Dept. and they said they would need to bring about three loads. We will check to see if they are coming back with limerock. The County still has not returned our calls about the limerock we wanted for stockpiling to be purchased from the county. They are apparently stuck in red tape and Council Pres. Rogers recommends that we purchase the limerock from a local vendor so that we can get fill the potholes on local roads and have a stockpile available as needed.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLORIDA EXPRESS:

All trash cans were picked up by Advanced Disposal/Waste Management and new ones were delivered by Florida Express. Florida Express will pick up only their trash cans and no others. Also, all trash must be in the container. Any trash not in container will not be picked up. There will only be one man making pickups and he will be driving the truck and operating the automated system. It is the residents' responsibility to dispose of any trash not in the containers. Florida Express will be coming through at 6:30AM on Tuesday's. Be sure the opening of the trash tote faces the road.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Center will continue to be closed for events until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

COVID 19 UPDATE:

Council President Rogers introduced Preston Bowlin from Emergency Management who gave the following update for the Health Dept. on Covid-19 vaccinations. Media reports are incorrect. Hospitals have vaccinated nurses and health workers. Marion Co. is currently following Governor's DeSantis' orders. Nursing homes state-wide will be done by the end of the month. They are currently getting about 1000 vaccines per week. This Saturday, they will be finished with 1st responders. This morning Publix came on line with Citrus and Hernando Counties. Stores in Marion have also opened. The 65 and older group is very large and venues have been an issue. The Health Dept. has begun vaccinations. Over 48,000 have already registered in the first 48 hours. The list is date and time stamped. Current venues for the Health Dept. are Paddock Mall, Advent, and the Health Dept. The week of January 19th, they will be at Paddock Mall doing a 1,000/day. Heart of Florida is giving vaccinations this Sat. doing 800. You must register for all vaccinations. On Sunday, physicians will be vaccinated. Each vaccination needs to be followed by a second vaccination in 21 or 28 days. Walgreens and CVS will be coming on line soon. We are looking at doing some remote areas. Mayor Stroup reported that he had been approached about using the Community Center for vaccinations on the week of Jan. 19th. Bowlin stated he will be meeting with Council President Rogers and Mayor Stroup concerning this.

He reminded everyone to make preparations for hurricane season now. Currently, North Marion Middle School is the shelter for the northwest corner of Marion County, but North Marion High School is building a new cafeteria and it will be reinforced so that it could be used as a shelter also. This would double the size of sheltering in the northwest corner. The cafeteria is about 1 1/2 years out. Weather can be monitored on alertmarion.com. There is a station in McIntosh that gives realtime alerts.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Reddick is to be updated every ten years. This year, 2021, we will be making those updates. Council President Rogers has contacted the Univ. of Florida Urban Planning and Development Dept. to assist us in updating at a discounted price. We have not received a return call from the Dept. Head. If we do not use UF, then we will try FSU Tallahassee or possibly UCF in Orlando.

OLD HIGH SCHOOL:

A representative from the School Board has not shown for today's meeting. We will table information until we hear from them. Even though old school is set for demolition, the library and Interfaith will not be affected.

ELECTION QUALIFYING:

The election for the Town of Reddick will be April 7th, 2021. Qualifying opens at noon, January 26th, 2021 and closes at noon, January 30, 2021. We have current three seats up for election: Mayor, Councilman Group 4, and Councilman Group 5.

FRED FRANKS

Mr. Franks did not show for the meeting.

ACCESS TO ELECTRIC POLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:

Margarita Sullivan inquired about access to electric poles with are on her property. Council President recommended that she do a survey to be sure they are on her property. Duke Energy will need to be contacted for a reading accessibility. It is believed that all power poles have a certain right-of-way and cannot be stopped from coming on private property to service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup