

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 4, 2021

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 4, 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

Frederick Franks	Pam Gerard	Richard Gerard	Lt. Joyner -MCSO
Lucy Ward	Randy-John Kostapapas	Joe Perry	Jan Stratton
George Stratton	Shirley Youmans		

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 Jan 7, 2021, 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 January was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and expense exceeded income for the month by \$11.16. For the year income exceeds expense by \$40,873. Raymond James Statement for Jan. has not been received. Projections remain at \$47,000 interest for the year on investments. Councilman Joyner made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Willis seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt Joyner reported that there were 114 calls in Reddick proper for the month of January. Most serious was a stolen vehicle which the owner had left running with the doors unlocked at the Dollar General Store. There was also a call of a suspicious vehicle at the old school. Report of shots fired is under an ongoing task force investigation which does not involve Reddick residents, but rather Ocala residents going to other areas. The trespass order issue which has been ongoing for several years, after investigation shows that order was filed for the intersection, rather than the property. A new letter has been sent out to the owner. Lt. Joyner also reported that the mobile home office is not safe and will be removed from the property. There are no plans for replacement.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

We will be addressing several issues: 1) the solid waste ordinance does provide to address issues of junk and litter. We will need to rewrite and pass and spend money to make a new ordinance. Two areas within the ordinance that Code Enforcements interprets differently concern (1) violations within 50 feet of property line and (2) to make it illegal to accumulate junk vehicles or other junk on the property. Then Code Enforcement can come in and enforce. Chicken coops, hog pens and dog kennels must be 50-feet from the property line. A privacy fence does not protect you from Code Enforcement. Current ordinance rules in place are enforceable by Code Enforcement. It is ok to have vehicles with current tags and being repaired. Junk cars accumulating on property is not okay. We have received complaints of junk vehicles left on right-of-way on NW 46th Terrace between NW 155th and NW 157th.

ROAD WORK:

NW 46th Terrace has been cleared for trash pickup trucks to get through and limerock has been purchased for stockpile to maintain roads as needed. There is a low limb over NW 152nd St in way of trash truck. Donnie Cassidy has been notified and will also assess state of stop signs that need cleaning and/or replacing.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Center will continue to be closed for events until further notice.
- **COVID 19 UPDATE:**
No change
- **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. When names of those who can assist are received, a councilman will be appointed to head and get the report ready for year -end filing. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan supersedes all other plans. The Plan can limit growth and also plan for growth in a controlled manner. Before it is finalized, citizens can view and offer input.
- **ELECTION QUALIFYING:**
The election for the Town of Reddick will be April 7th, 2021. Running for office is as follows: Mayor: James Stroup - unopposed; Group Seat 4: Shirley Youmans and Thomas Joyner; Group Seat 5: William Willis and Nadine Stokes. Serving on the canvassing board will be Wesley Wilcox, Myra Sherman, and Martha Cromwell.
- **ACCESS TO ELECTRIC POLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:**
Duke Energy and other utility companies have a certain right-of-way and cannot be stopped from coming on private property to service equipment.
- **OLD HIGH SCHOOL:**
The old high school is set for demolition. No time line has been given by School Board as yet. It is School Board property. After demolition, some groups may want to take the opportunity to apply for a grant for a recreation center but they would need to work with the School Board and the School Board would have to be involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FRED FRANKS**
Mr. Franks would like to make the old nursing home building on NW Gainesville Road into a group home. The property is zoned business and Council advised that he could apply for a Special Use Permit to put in a Group Home.
- **ETHICS AND PUBLIC RECORDS:**
A 4-hour, state-mandated class will be available virtually on February 24th from 10:00am - 3:00pm. All elected officials must take the class.
- **GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE:**
Gov. Disantis announced that \$92 million will be available for community program grants. Marion County also announced \$500,000 in fund assistance for municipal projects for transportation.
- **NOISE ORDINANCE:**
Again, a reminder to all residents with noise problems to call it in to the sheriff's office so that it can be logged. The more calls the more attention it will receive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup