

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 1, 2021

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 1, 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

Lucy Ward	Cindy Rogers	Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Frederick Franks, Jr
Lt Mike Joyner	Shirley Youmans	Nadine Stokes	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 March 4, 2021, meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Councilman Joyner to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Cromwell seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- Financial statement for the month of March was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and income exceeded expense for the month by \$558.08. For the year income exceeds expense. Raymond James Statement for March. has not been received. Projections remain at \$47,000 interest for the year on investments. Councilman Willis made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Sherman seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Joyner reported on activity in Town limits for the month of March. Activity was down with only 2 investigative reports. There were seven traffic citations and three security reports. Council President commented that we are still experiencing problems with racing motorcycles and four wheelers.

Lt. reported that they are still getting information on power and location of traffic license plate readers .

Mayor Stroup reported that he and Council President Rogers met with Sheriff Woods and he is looking at other avenues regarding substation.

Lt. Joyner reported that laws have changed concerning trespass orders. Old law says you could respond to a trespass order. Now, the sheriff's office can only act as an agent. If not posing a threat to public safety or impeding traffic, the owner has to be present (unless for public safety).

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Kipfer violations still in process.
- Marion County Interlocal Agreement still in process
- Mobile Home on Lily Wilson property still in process
- Junk vehicles on NW 46th are being removed. Only two remaining and will be taken care of in a week.

ROAD WORK:

- Stops signs have been replaced or cleaned. An town road exiting onto a county road is the responsibility of the County . We have about 15 stop signs that are in storage and hoping they could be refurbished. We have been informed by the County that it is against State Law to repaint traffic signs. Traffic signs must be new.
- Mr. Gerard asked if citizens could put up signs. The Dead End or Do Not Enter sign to his property needs replacing. Council President stated that the Town will put a "Dead End" sign at the end of our road that goes to his property. Mrs. Youmans asked if there could be a "Children at Play" sign put on NW 155th St that goes by her home. Council President responded that from Dollar General West the road is not a designated city street. Town can only work on roads that are designated streets. Undesignated streets are

taken care of by owners. The Town does grade and fill the road as a courtesy. The resolution is to contact every owner on both sides of the street to deed to the Town of Reddick right-of-way property. Then we could pave and repair the road. Town needs 50 feet of right-of-way to make a two-lane road. Survey's would have to be done and drainage overflow would have to be assessed.

- Mrs. Youmans asked about the potholes on NW 48th St and the debris on the right-of-way infringing on the road. Mayor Stroup stated he would go by and seeing the problems she is speaking of. She also asked about paving Cypress Street and NW 157th and right-of-way issues.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working. If anyone sees a light that is out or is not working properly, give pole number to Mrs. Stroup and she will report it. Mrs. Youmans asked about have a light placed on private property. Council President responded that Duke Energy will put street lights on private property and have the cost added to the electric bill. Town streetlights are 1/4 mile apart.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Center will continue to be closed for events until further notice. It will be closed until the State lifts mandates for masks, social distancing, and sanitizing.

- **COVID 19 UPDATE:**

On Monday, March 29th, residents 40 and above are able to get vaccines. On Monday, April 5, residents 16 and above will be eligible. Mr. Perry stated that Reddick Pharmacy is taking appointments on April 2.

- **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 is in contact with the Univ. of Florida Urban Planning and Development Dept. to assist us in updating at a discounted price. A copy of the current year plan and contract has been sent to UF. UF is still on lockdown from Covid-19, but we hope to hear from them soon. Councilman Cromwell is to head and get the report ready for year-end filing. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan supersedes all other plans. Before it is finalized, citizens can view and offer input. Councilman Cromwell will then bring the plan to Council for approval.

- **OLD HIGH SCHOOL:**

The old high school is set for demolition. No time line has been given by School Board as yet, but it is coming down. Rumors are circulating and one is that the State Fire College and the School Board are working on a plan to burn it as a training. The Mayor has notified the School Board that he is taking the position not to burn because of the hazards it would present. We have requested the plaque "Reddick High School" and "Auditorium" that if they can be taken down in one piece, to place them on the corners as a memorial of the historical building.

- **FREDERICK FRANKS**

The Special Use Permit for the Group Home has been put on hold until it can be determined as to whether State licensing is required. The State was contacted and the Town was told that any Group Home or Assisted Living facility must be licensed. If the residents do not have disabilities, then it cannot be considered to be a Group Home. Mr. Franks is currently having fire sprinklers installed and a fire alarm. He stated that he would then apply for proper paperwork. He also inquired as to building a training school for juveniles. Council President Rogers stated that he would need a Special Use Permit from the Town, building permits from the County, and proof of licensing from the State and a plan for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **JUNK AND LITTER ORDINANCE FIRST READING:**

The ordinance has come through legal scrutiny. The Sheriff Dept.'s legal counsel, Tim McCourt and our Legal Counsel have both reviewed and approved the final draft. The Ordinance is four-pages long and Mayor Stroup presented the ordinance for first reading and open it for discussion. At next month's meeting, a second reading will be done; and if passed, it will be recorded with the County and State. Councilman Joyner moved to pass the ordinance as read and Councilman Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **AUDIT OF 2019-2020 FINANCIAL RECORDS:**

Crippen and Company has just completed an audit for the fiscal year 2019-2020. A copy will be sent to the Auditor General for the State of Florida for auditing. A full audit must be done every year for income over the threshold of \$250,000. Crippen will be at next month's meeting to review the audit.

- **ELECTION FOR TOWN OF REDDICK:**

The Town of Reddick will have its annual election on Wednesday, April 7th, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Candidates are:

WILLIAM E. WILLIS - Group 5: "Citizens in Reddick have no property taxes, have free garbage pickup, mowed right-of-ways, and street lights. The Town is financially solvent. My hope is that we can still maintain this standard."

THOMAS C. JOYNER - Group 4: "It has been a blessing to be debt free. I serve with pleasure. In a few years, Reddick will be changing and we should try to stay debt free with no taxes. My hope is that we can continue on this path."

SHIRLEY YOUMANS - Group 4: "It is a pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to be able to be running; and if I win, I would like to use previous and current councilmen to ask questions. I am willing to learn and want to work together ,and with God, to keep us on the right path."

NADINE STOKES - Group 5: "It has been a pleasure to live in Reddick and I look forward to serving Reddick. I want to be sure we maintain and preserve what we have so that I will continue to be proud to be from Reddick."

- **GARBAGE PICK UP:**

Garbage pickup is going well. Service and communication is great. Mrs. Ward stated that they are picking up from totes that are not theirs. Council President Rogers stated that they will phase that out.

- **CASSIE WARD:**

Mrs. Ward wanted to thank the Council for working with her daughter as she fulfilled her civic classes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: