

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 3, 2021

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEN

Shirley Youmans  
Martha Cromwell, Councilman Pro Tem  
Nadine Stokes  
Myra Sherman

GUESTS

Cindy Rogers	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Frederick Brown
Carl Sherman	Lt. M. Joyner	Joe Perry	Shirley Youmans
Shedric Graham	Frederick Franks	Mike Mitchell	

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.

First order of business was to elect a Council President and Councilman Pro Tem as of the election in April. Current Council President turned the chair over to the Mayor for the elections. The Mayor gave an explanation of what the Council President and Councilman Pro Tem duties would be and then opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Martha Cromwell nominated Councilman Steve Rogers for Council President. No other nominations were made and the Mayor called for a vote. Councilman Rogers was elected unanimously. The Mayor Stroup then opened the floor for nominations for Councilman Pro Tem. Councilman Steve Rogers nominated Councilman Martha Cromwell. No other nominations were made and Mayor Stroup called for a vote. Councilman Cromwell was elected unanimously.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the May 6, 2021, meeting were reviewed and motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Sherman seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- Financial statement for the month of May was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and income exceeded expense for the month by \$12,419. For the year income exceeded expense \$182,931. Raymond James Statement for May has not been received. Projections remain at \$47,000 interest for the year on investments. Councilman Sherman made motion to approve report as presented; Councilman Cromwell seconded motion. Motion carried, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Mike Joyner announced that he was being moved to Dunnellon and our new Dist. Commander will be Claude McQuaig. Lt. Joyner then reported that there were 8 traffic violations, 5 alarm calls, 22 security checks, 12 written reports and 8 reports of suspicious activity for the month of May. Council President Rogers asked about progress on the trespass order on property located on NW 157th where groups are congregating. Lt. Joyner stated to call the sheriff's office and they will come out. Lt. Joyner had no updates on the Sheriff's substation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Interlocal Agreement is still in process until Junk and Litter Ordinance is completed. we are still trying to determine ownership of mobile home on Lily Wilson property. Mike Mitchell asked if Jason Kipfer was still in violation of Junk and Litter Ord. Council President responded that the ordinance was changed in two areas, the 50 ft from adjacent properties was removed and it was changed to make it enforceable. The changes will apply to several properties in the area. That when Council receives a complaint from citizens, it must be investigated. Mike Mitchell mentioned a leaking gas tank contaminating water in Reddick. Council President Rogers responded that the gas tank has been removed. Mike Mitchell questioned if it was a conflict of interest for Councilmen to serve on Council and also Code Enforcement. Council President Rogers explained that the problem with the Kipfer property is that it is zoned R-2 which is residential and because of that zoning operating a business is against zoning. Owner can work on his own

things, but it cannot be a revenue source. Mr. Mitchell then stated that he learned that we did not pull a permit when the lights were changed in the Community Center. Did we not have to follow permitting? Was a licensed electrician used? Council President Rogers did not pull permits.

### **ROAD WORK:**

Dead End road sign has been received. Councilman Youmans asked again about potholes on NW 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and right-of-way that needs to be cleaned. Mayor Stroup has scheduled for the pot holes to be filled and has talked with Squeekie Klean who does the right of way mowing to mow the road to the tree line. Mr. Franks questioned whether road work should be put out for bid. Council agreed. Some jobs are done as soon as possible because of safety and we call Donnie Cassidy because he usually can come immediately. Also the bid process can take about three months. Bids are advertised, then received, then they must go before Council. Councilman Sherman suggested that we make a list of available agencies and then call on a rotation basis. If agency up for work is not available, then rotate to the next. We can create a data base of contacts with proper insurance and licensing and available equipment. Currently, there is no standard fee schedule. Hurricane season is upon us and we need to have several contractors available. Councilman Youmans commented that this could also bring the community more in harmony.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

Councilman Youmans stated that the light on NW 155th is cycling on and off. She will get the pole number to Mrs. Stroup for reporting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** Council President stated that at the last meeting, the Community Center will be closed until reviewed at the July meeting.
- **COVID 19 UPDATE:**  
You need to contact the Dept of Health for locations. The vaccine is readily available with no appointments and no waiting lines. Council President inquired from Councilman Sherman what could the Town do to get more people vaccinated. Councilman Sherman replied that people need to find out the facts and not rely on hearsay. Vaccine is available in many areas without appointments and it is free.
- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**  
Councilman Cromwell has checked with Terra McCue about updating our current Comprehensive Plan. Ms. McCue will let us know what will be needed for the update. Data and analysis is probably the only portion that will need review as we are not planning to make any major changes in zoning, etc. Councilman Cromwell should have an estimate by the Council meeting. We are, hopefully, looking at \$5,000-\$7,000. The new plan will be the law for development and activity for the next ten years.
- **FREDERICK FRANKS**  
Mr. Franks feels that his group home will not be ready until August.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **ANIMAL CONTROL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPDATE:**  
The County is updating its interlocal agreements. The Animal Control agreement has not been updated for more than a decade. Because the agreement is not complete and there are many changes, including an extensive fines addition, the Council would like to meet with the County to revamp the plan. We will review again at the next Council meeting.
- **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM FOR KIDS:**  
Councilman Sherman inquired about a summer rec program for kids in the area. The School Board owns the old gym previously used and it is not available and not up to code. It is being torn down with old school because it shares a wall with the old building and does not have handicapped restrooms. Someone can get a program together and present it to Council for consideration. County Parks and Recreation may come out if there is

enough interest. Again, someone in the community needs to spearhead a plan. The park will need supervision and some kind of confinement for the safety of the children. Fairfield, Flemington, and Orange Lake have parks and they are operated by the County.

- **MARION COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISAL:**

The property appraiser has estimated the taxable value of the Town of Reddick at \$14,030,000. This figure is up from \$13,400,000 from last year. This figure is used to compute taxes for insurance, MTSU and Sheriff's Dept, etc. which is shown on individual property assessments.

- **TOWN COMPUTER**

The Town Clerk informed the Council of a concern for the town office computer. It is currently over 12 years old and is not properly backing up data. We have been hearing about episodes of ransom ware which captures computer's passwords and then changes the passwords, asking for a ransom to get the new passwords. If the Town has a proper backup, this would not be an issue as the computer could be set back to default settings and the backup information restored. A new computer and current software is approximately \$1200 - \$1500. Another alternative would be to set up a docking station and use the new laptop as the main computer at a cost of appx. \$275.00. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we purchase the new software and docking station, Councilman Cromwell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **FREDERICK BROWN:**

Mr. Brown owns some property off NW 41st Terrace that has been cleared off would like to have the eight trucks he and Mr. Graham owns park on the lot so that they are not on the right of way. They would like to do repairs and maintenance as needed also. The property is zoned R-2. He would only be working on their trucks, owned by them. Council President stated that he would need a Special Use Permit. A sign would be posted on the property for 10 days and this will make the information available to his neighbors. Mr. Franks also stated that he has several loads of limerock available if the Town would like to purchase it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: