

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 4, 2021

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 4, 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  
Myra Sherman  
Nadine Stokes

GUESTS

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Lt. McQuaig, MCSO	Cindy Rogers
Fondale Evans	Terry Tabor	Brian Kimak	Joe Perry
George Stratton	Jan Stratton	Darius Taylor	Lucy Ward
Florine Williams	Bob Law	Kim Law	Latwanita

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Rogers, with Mayor Stroup giving an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the October 7, 2021, meeting was reviewed . A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Stokes seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- Financial statement for the month of October was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and expense exceeded income for the month by \$ 4438; however, Raymond James Statement has not yet been received. A motion was made by Councilman Stokes and seconded by Councilman Sherman. Motion carried unanimously pending audit .

Before we start meeting and to let everyone know, the computer system will be recording the minutes and to make minutes more accurate, anyone wishing to address the Council will come to the podium, identify themselves by giving their name and address for the record.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig addressed the Council with a report for October. There were 7 traffic stops which resulted in two citations and one drug arrest, 7 alarm calls, 6 disturbances, 4 suspicious activity. Of the 71 total calls, 31 were self-initiated. Council President Rogers asked about the status on the car and boat blocking road NW 46th which we are trying to open. Lt. McQuaig stated he just went through and there was only a minivan and truck there that was not necessarily blocking roadway. Council President again stated there was a boat and a van in the middle of the road, blocking access. Lt. McQuaig again stated he did not see a boat. The Town needs to get the vehicles moved so that the contractor can finish opening the road. Lt. McQuaig stated he would take care of it. Council President informed the Lt. that we do have an ordinance on restricting overnight parking on the right of way. Lt. McQuaig asked if each incident be called in specifically so that he can look at each one individually. On County Roads, Council Pres. asked what is the legal aspect of parking on right of way. Lt. McQuaig said there was a 48 - hour green tag process to have one removed. Each must be looked at individually for violation. You can park on County right-of-way unless there is a no parking sign or a hazard is created.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

The Interlocal Agreement with the County is still in process. Mayor Stroup reported that the mobile home on the Lily Wilson property has been removed.

### **ROAD WORK:**

Council President received a phone call about a dead tree on NW 44th Court and 148th Place that needs to be taken down.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

All street lights seem to be working.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **COMMUNITY CENTER and COVID 19 UPDATE:**

Community Center will remain closed.

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Nothing new to report.

- **REQUEST FOR OPENING NW 46TH AVE FROM 155TH ST TO 156TH ST:**

Donnie Cassidy is trying to work it into his schedule and he will have some assistance from Sheriff's Dept if necessary. Opening NW 46th and removal of boat and minivan were discussed in Lt. McQuaig's report. We are waiting on vehicle removal.

- **WELLS FARGO ATM:**

It appears there was not strong enough Wi-Fi to support ATM. We have heard nothing else.

- **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL:**

Council assignments are as follows and posted on line: James Stroup-Code Enforcement and Zoning; Steven Rogers-Budget/Finance and Emergency Management; Martha Cromwell-Comprehensive Plan and Sheriff's Dept; Myra Sherman-Health and Recreation; Nadine Stokes-Street Lights and Animal Control; Shirley Youmans-Road Work/Street Maint and Trash Pickup. Contact information is available on line. Councilmen will bring aspects to Council for consideration and review. Mr. Gerard asked Council concerning mistaking Sheriff's help as a 911 call. Councilman Cromwell will put a message on her phone to call 911 if it is an emergency if it becomes a problem.

- **FREDERICK FRANKS - RECREATION AREA:**

Mr. Franks not in attendance. He has put together a plan for a recreation area where sheriff's substation is located and he is bring a budget so that we can proceed.

### **FUNDING FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN:**

Funds are being provided to the municipalities from the American Rescue Plan. Our portion is estimated to be \$195,000. These are funds are to be used to offset the impact of the COVID pandemic. We have until April 30 to send a plan to the State. We are hoping to use the funds for the health and welfare of the community youth and families. Funds must be used as State dictates or must be paid back to the state. If we get the legal go ahead, we will have seed money for projects like the recreation area.

- **TERRY TABOR - JUNGLE GARDEN:**

Terry Tabor, owner Jungle Garden Inn, in an effort to generate more revenue, would like Council to consider allowing him to serve beer at his restaurant with a limit of three beers, and inside the

restaurant only. Council President Rogers met with Mr. Randy Klein, the Town Atty., and the current ordinance does not address serving alcohol in a restaurant. It does address consumption and open containers in outdoor public areas. Alcohol sales in an establishment cannot go out the front door and must be consumed in the restaurant. The Town has no ordinance and the Town does not need to approve or disapprove consumption in a restaurant. Council President asked Council if they would like to require a Special Use Permit. Councilman Cromwell does not see the need for a special use permit. Council President Rogers is wondering about consumption in restaurant-types in the future. By requiring the special use permit, we have set the precedent for future requests of sales of alcohol in a place of business. In this way, we have consistency. Councilman Cromwell made a motion to require a Special Use Permit to sell beer and wine in a restaurant only with a meal. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously. A special use permit must be completed and a license for sales of alcohol must be obtained.

**POSTING STREET SIGNS:**

Councilman Youmans asked about street signs that were to be posted on NW 155th St. Donnie Cassidy has the signs and is trying to work them into his schedule. Councilman Youmans stated that it is becoming a problem with cars and bikes racing along the road. Town will check with Mr. Cassidy to see if he can get this work done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• **FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Has been placing leaves and yard trash on city park. They have been asked twice to remove the debris. Do we want to hire someone to haul off the debris if they do not comply.

• **DARIUS TAYLOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**

Mr. Taylor is requesting permission to build a house on his parcel that is only .35 acres but is zoned R-1. Council President Rogers instructed him to get a Special Use Permit so that his request can be posted and at the December meeting the Council can consider it after getting input from the Community.

• **WELCOME TO REDDICK SIGN:**

The owner of the Auction Center at NW Gainesville Rd and NW 151st St would like to put up a sign that says Welcome to Reddick. Council President advised that if he wants to put up a sign on private property it is ok.

• **JOINT COUNTY WORKSHOP ON NOVEMBER 8:**

Marion County School Board is hosting a workshop at the Livestock Pavilion involving all municipalities of Marion County and Marion County to discuss school improvements, hurricane hardening, school board participation action plans, property sales, school funding referendum, etc. Council President Rogers and Councilman Stokes will be attending to represent Reddick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: