

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 3, 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEN

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

ABSENT: Marjorie Stroup, Clerk

GUESTS

Cindy Rogers	Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Fondale Evans, Sr
Patti Sandridge	John Veter	Lt. Claude McQuaig	Cynthia Davis
Thomas Kost	Shannon Kost	David Glynn	Alphonso Lamar
Frederick Franks, Jr	Vanessa Adkins		

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 January 6, 2022, 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 January was reviewed. All bills for the month have been paid and expense exceeded income for the month by \$ 4756; the Raymond James Statement has not yet been received. Extra expenses incurred are from partial payment of auditor's fee and for additional maintenance of right-of-way expense. Income has exceeded expense for the year. A motion was made by Councilman Sherman and seconded by Councilman Youmans. Motion carried unanimously pending audit .

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig addressed the Council with a report for January showing a total of 86 calls, 45 of which were self-initiated. There were 9 traffic stops resulting in one suspended license, 2 alarm calls, 6 disturbances, 2 suspicious activity and one burglary. The Sheriff's Dept will be hosting a 2022 job fair February 22, from 9:00 to 4:00, at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Multi-Purpose Room. More than 30 employers will be on site accepting applications, as well as positions with Marion County Law Enforcement. Council President Rogers asked Lt. McQuaig about assistance with repeated complaints/concerns from the citizens in Reddick concerning parking on Town right-of-ways, regulated by town ordinance overnight. Complaints are about trucks, dump trucks, cars and other vehicles parked on the right-of-way and impeding citizen's ability to traverse the streets. How should they proceed in getting relief. Lt. McQuaig needs citizen's to contact the Sheriff's office directly to have a deputy come out and look at situation. He has also requested a copy of the Town ordinance so that his legal department can determine if they are able to enforce the illegal parking. They can green tag the vehicles and give them 48 hours to move them, before towing. Council President Rogers stated that even though the ordinance has been in effect since 2006, it has not been enforced and that a warning against parking on the right-of-way overnight was in order before actually issuing tickets, etc.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The Interlocal Agreement with the County is on hold for the time being. Until then, the current Interlocal Agreement is in force. We will follow procedures in written in agreement.

ROADWORK:

Councilman Youmans reported that they are using NW 46th Avenue since it has opened. NW 44th Ct. on northend, there is a large water oak in middle of street and it is dying and leaning over some houses and fences. Residents have asked it to be reviewed and see if they can have it taken down. Question was raised concerning NW 41st and where it ends as a town street. Mayor Stroup responded that where it becomes a direct road and the street signs change color, it becomes a county road. Guest was complaining of the trash that is being dumped along the roadway. He was instructed to contact the County.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Councilman Sherman recommended that the Community Center will remain closed. It is better to stay safe.

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Councilman Cromwell has given council members a draft of the proposed ordinance to add Property Rights Elements to current plan. We will need to have 1st Reading and 2nd reading before passing the ordinance. Councilman Cromwell will get with City Clerk to make public notice publication. She has contacted Tallahassee to be sure we are on point and is waiting to hear from them.

- **FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Debris on Town property remains. A letter has been sent requesting action and if debris is not removed by the next Council meeting, the town will remove and send invoice for charges to the church for payment.

- **WELLS FARGO ATM:**

Have heard nothing.

- **FREDERICK FRANKS - RECREATION AREA:**

Mr. Franks has put together a plan for a recreation area where sheriff's substation is located and he is working on a budget so that we can proceed. We have talked with members of County Commission and Parks and Recreation to develop a master plan for a park and recreation here in Reddick. Both Departments have shown interest in partnering with Reddick. We will still need to work out maintaining and safety elements, but by partnering with County we will have more resources and expertise in making this become a reality.

- **ELECTION QUALIFYING:**

No one came in to inquire, pick up forms, or turn in paperwork during the week of qualifying except for the incumbents. There will be no election necessary in April.

- **THOMAS KOST:**
A certified letter has been sent to the owner of the property concerning the chicken coop and tethered goat. We have not received a return receipt as yet. Kost has contacted animal control also. Mrs. Kost inquired concerning complaint form for Code Enforcement. The Town must complete this form before Code Enforcement can come out. As she understands it, they have enough complaints from citizens to come out, but need to form completed and turned in by the Town to initiate action. Council President Rogers let Mrs. Kost know that Code Enforcement has come out and it initiated a new ordinance giving them jurisdiction to take action. Mrs. Kost stated that there is clearly something non-residential going on. She feels that this form needs to begin administrative action .

NEW BUSINESS

- **COMMITMENT TO ZERO: SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR SAFER STREETS IN OCALA MARION - JAN. 12TH MEETING.**
Workshop for countywide discussion of safe transportation, road analysis, and areas of concern. Each community was to send a representative to the workshop. Councilman Youmans will be attending future meetings and report.
- **ARAP FUNDS - COUNTY IS WORKING ON WI FI.**
Doing a study county-wide for underserved areas for improving wi-fi. Discovered that because of covid-related shutdowns, students were given computers for home study, but because of poor wi-fi reception, they were not able to log on.
- **ZONING REQUEST FROM ORLANDO CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA**
This is regulated by the state and there was no legislation available. A proposal will have to be submitted with a plan for regulation, distribution, etc. on a Special Use Permit. We will need to get more clarification from our attorney. Councilman Sherman stated that are a lot of issues surrounding medical marijuana and lack of controls, but some patients have benefited from different forms of its use. Guest Pam Gerard asked about restrictions for distribution being much like they are for alcohol. Councilman Youmans stated that it would be a controlled substance and would be regulated as such.
- **TOM VETER**
Concerned that no one come out for qualifying in election. Feels that we need a better way notifying citizens what it going on. We need a notice board to post events to that everyone would be made aware of what is going.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: