

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 3 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 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	Vanessa Adkins	Taylor Crawford
Patti Veter	John Veter	Lt. Claude McQuaig	Cynthia Davis
Thomas Kost	Shannon Kost	Joe Perry	Alphonso Lamar
Latwanita Stafford	Florine Williams		

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 February 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed . A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Stokes seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- There was no financial report presented. Regarding our investments with Raymond James, from Oct 1, 2021 to date, the markets are down 1.4%, while the rest of the benchmark is down 3.25%. This generated interest income helps offset shortfalls in our annual budget.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig addressed the Council with a report for February showing a total of 80 calls, 41 of which were self-initiated. There were 15 traffic stops, 3 alarm calls, 23 security checks. 12 disturbances, 2 suspicious activity and one burglary to Jungle Garden Inn. 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. Lt. McQuaig gave ordinance to County attorney for determination and it was suggested that the Town of Reddick create its own citation book and give it to the Clerk of the Court so that the deputies can start writing citations at \$30.00 each. Council President Rogers ask if we could have a sample to go by and Lt. McQuaig said he would send one.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The County has notified Mayor Stroup that they will no longer take anonymous calls on Code Enforcement. All Councilmen have a copy of the form used by Marion County Code Enforcement currently. Form is self-explanatory but must be notarized. Our problem is those complaining want to remain anonymous and by doing so, the complaint form will not be accepted by the County. Form must be completed by both complainant and by Town and notarized. The State of Florida have changed the rules for processing complaints and this form protects them from law suits. Our town clerk will be happy to notarize any signatures at no charge on these forms. Once filed, the Council take administrative action. If still non-compliant, Town must also file and then it is sent to Code Enforcement. Shannon Kost spoke summarizes what she heard as follows: Complainant completes their portion of form, gets it notarized and gives to Town. Then Town notifies the code violator. She asked if violator has ever been notified. Mayor Stroup answered

“yes”. The County was then contacted and came out and said there were no violations. Since that time, he has been notified on numerous occasions. The Council does not have any forms filed by complainants only phone calls and the complainants refuse to identify themselves. They want to remain anonymous and the County will not accept anonymous complaints. Mrs. Kost then stated that the County said they had complaints but that the Town as an entity needed to submit the form for them to take action. She said she will go get the forms completed and properly executed and will bring them to the Council for action, but she expects her Council to take action. Mayor Stroup stated that once the paperwork is received, they will definitely proceed. Mrs. Kost asked if there were a social media page for the Town to post information about upcoming events, meetings, etc. Councilman Cromwell stated that we have a website where these things are posted. Mrs. Kost thinks that making an investment in a professional social media expert would be beneficial to the citizens for keeping everyone informed. Vanessa Adkins asked if they needed to complete the form for a situation outside the Town limits. Mayor Stroup stated that if it is outside the Town limits it is the same form but it needed to be taken directly to the county. She also asked about water runoff from the streets running through her yard and compromising her foundation for her mobile home. Mayor Stroup said he would contact County transportation as both those roads are County roads.

### **ROADWORK:**

Councilman Youmans reported that the speed limit sign on NW 47<sup>th</sup> St by Club Charmant that is propped up against a tree and needs to be put back up. There is also a pothole on CR 316 by the elementary school that needs to be filled. She has met with County Transportation on “commitment to zero” and they are working on a plan to help maintain the county roads and help residents. There will be a meeting at the College of Florida on April 14<sup>th</sup> and she would like to see Reddick represented. She asked about sidewalks for children who walk to school. They would like to come to a Council meeting and make a presentation.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

All street lights seem to be working.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Councilman Sherman recommended that the Community Center can reopen but before that is done, we need a plan on steps we need to take before opening. Because of the inability of the Council to meet other than in a meeting, we would need to have recommendations already worked out. Councilman Sherman will bring a plan to the next meeting.

- **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. A public notice will be in the Star-Banner in March advertising 1<sup>st</sup> public reading/input at April meeting and the second at the May meeting. We can then send it to Tallahassee for review before voting on the amendment in June.

- **FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Debris on Town property has been cleaned up.

- **WELLS FARGO ATM:**

Have heard nothing. Mrs. Kost asked about ATM future. Mayor Stroup stated we are trying to keep the ATM but have not heard on our latest recommendations.

- **ARAP FUNDS –**

Met with Marion County Commission and School board to build walking trails and recreation area on old school site. It was a very positive meeting. It was an excellent location for something to happen. Hopefully we can partner with them using our ARAP funds. We have to provide a plan to Dept. of Treasury a plan of how we plan to use the funds by the end of April. We also need to work out the cost factor for maintenance and safety.

**SPEEDING VEHICLES IN AREAS WHERE CHILDREN PLAY:**

- Citizens need to call the Sheriff's Dept and make a complaint. Ideally, when it is occurring. Lt. McQuaig will send someone out. Parents are afraid to let their children out to play for their safety. Our problem is enforcement and that is why we have an Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff's Dept. Councilman Youmans said there is a lot of violence going on also. Citizens need to contact Sheriff's Office. Maybe direct letters and emails to Sheriff Woods. After filing the report, ask to have a Deputy contact you on the outcome.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **LAMAR SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**

Signs have been posted for Special Use Permit to place a mobile home but Mr. Lamar stated that his daughter does not have the site plan ready. Hopefully, next month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: