

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 5, 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEN

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

GUESTS

Dick Gerard	Cynthia Davis	Joe Perry	Cindy Rogers
Fondale Evans	James Racz	Alphonso Lamar	Alfonso Owens
Vanessa Adkins	John Melin (Abate)	Russ Pace (Abate)	Bridgette Pace (Abate)
Joe Wieland (Abate)	Holly Levan (Abate)		

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 April 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed . A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Youmans seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- Financial Statement for the month of April, 2022 was presented for review. Income exceeded expense for the month by \$4,530, and for the year by \$24,492. All bills were paid. A report on investments was received from Greg Stevens with Raymond-James. April was the worst bond sell-off since 1922. Overall benchmarks show the market is down 10.04%. The Town of Reddick is down 3.7%. By operating the Town on fiscal dollars, not investment dollars, we do not need to make adjustments at this time. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the April financial report be accepted as presented and Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

ABATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY:

Abate members addressed guests and council requesting that May, 2022, be declared Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. He reminded everyone that motorcycles are out there and that they are citizens and have families like everyone else who want them to arrive home safely. Mr. Melin covered various ways to be sure you are aware of motorcycles and how to make the highways safe for everyone. Mayor Stroup read the Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and all councilmen and the Mayor signed the proclamation.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig was not present. He is attending another meeting and will be arriving late. He will give his report at that time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Parking on the right-of-way, Lt. McQuaig will update when he arrives. A violation letter was sent to Jason Kipfer to restart the administrative process to move forward. He signed for the letter on April 19th and must respond or make corrective action by May 19th. Council President reports that there has been a lot of activity on the property hopefully to clear it up. If there is still junk and litter it will be turned over to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement will then take their administrative side and start their process.

### **ROADWORK:**

Councilman Youmans would like to have a public meeting about Edvena Harris Lane, NW 46th Terr., and NW 46th Ave. She has talked with the County and they would like to meet with the town residents about what they want and are willing to give up to have the roads improved. She will get with Mrs. Stroup to draft a flyer to handout explaining the public meeting. Grading of NW 155th is still not done. County has had the request letter for two months. Councilman Youmans also wanted to bring to Lt. McQuaig's attention about a yellow car speeding down the road, nearly hitting people. She was reminded that citizens need to call the Sheriff and report it. Get a license number if possible. The Sheriff can do nothing unless they get a call.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

Councilman Stokes said there three lights out and that she will get pole numbers/addresses to Mrs. Stroup to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

New variant on the rise . Councilman Sherman has drafted a reopening plan and feels that we need to add event insurance for liability. Councilman Youmans made a motion that we hold off opening Community Center and it was seconded by Councilman Cromwell. Motion carried unanimously by those present. It will be reviewed at next meeting.

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT - ALPHONSO LAMAR:**

Mr. Lamar has paid fee and turned in all paperwork. Mr. Lamar stated that he did need a street address so that the company can evaluate delivery. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the Special Use Permit for Alphonso Lamar be approved and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **PROPOSED RECREATION PLAN:**

Report has been filed with the Treasury and we are still working with County Commissioners and School Board. Park will have a walking path, restrooms, and playground.

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The second reading of the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan adding the Property Rights element was done by Mayor Stroup. After passing the second reading, it will go to Tallahassee for approval after which the Town of Reddick can adopt it. Motion was made by Councilman Cromwell that we accept the amendment as presented and the motion was seconded by Councilman Stokes. Motion carried unanimously.

- **AMNESTY DAY:**

There has been no further contact with County about the Town clean-up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS:**

The EOC has planned a workshop for all elected officials to learn emergency hurricane procedures on May 23 at 10:00 am. Councilmen Youmans and Cromwell plan to attend.

- **ON-LINE MEETING ON BROADBAND STATUS:**

There will be an online meeting with a consultant to gather data on current problems with broadband in Marion County. Councilman Cromwell will be the liaison for the Town of Reddick.

- **PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN WHERE SHERIFF SUBSTATION WAS POSITIONED:**

Councilman Sherman would like to lease/purchase for her church this parcel for overflow parking. Council President Rogers responded that property should not be sold but could be utilized by her church for the overflow parking. Because the parcel is zoned institutional and has access on both sides to roads, it should not be sold. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the Church of God be allowed to park their overflow on the property and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. It was recommended that the Church check with their insurance and have the Town of Reddick named as a co-insured for this purpose. The Town of Reddick should be held harmless and the Church of God should add the Town of Reddick to their insurance for this reason.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: