

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

July 7, 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 7, 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

Cindy Rogers	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Fondale Evans	Gerry Hubbs
Lt. Claude McQuaig	Lt. Paul Bloom	Joe Perry	Cynthia Davis	George Stratten
Sarah James	Alphonso Lamar			

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 June 2, 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 June, 2022 was presented for review. Income exceeded expense for the month by \$9517. All bills were paid. Income has exceeded expense for the year by \$46443.80. A report on investments was received from Greg Stevens with Raymond-James. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the June financial report be accepted as presented and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

**SARAH JAMES - SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE DIST. 5:**

Council President Rogers introduced Sarah James, candidate for Marion Co. School Board. She addressed those present concerning her candidacy. She is an experienced teacher and school administrator in grades K-10 and currently runs her own preschool in Ocala. She feels the Marion Co. School Board is not functioning as effectively as it could. She is for the 1 mil currently on the ballot in Nov being renewed . This money pays for extracurricular activities such as art and music. She feels we need to look into the Student Code of Conduct and implement additional rules.

**SHERIFF'S DEPT:**

Lt. McQuaig gave the statistical report for June. There were 74 calls, of which 38 were self initiated, broken down as follows: 9 traffic stops, 3 alarm calls, 16 security checks, 7 disturbances and 3 suspicious activity, and 3 well-being checks. They worked on Junk & Litter and illegal parking on the right-of-way. Lt. McQuaig introduced Lt . Bloom who addressed those present concerning neighborhood watch. Crime prevention is directly related to keeping a well-lit home and yard. He encouraged everyone to follow the sheriff's dept. on social media. The sheriff's dept (marionso.com for crime mapping) posts current information concerning scams, crimes, etc. Marion Co. currently has 1015 volunteers but would like a neighborhood watch program in our area. It can help be the eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Dept.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

There has been some activity on the Kipfer property junk and litter since Sheriff's Dept visited the site. Code Enforcement has a working file and a hearing has been set for August 10th. Cars that have been illegally parked were green tagged and/or hauled away.

### **ROADWORK:**

Councilman Youmans reported that NW 39th St. has been serviced and the pot holes filled. She will call Donnie Cassidy about cleaning NW 47th right-of-way. She has tried to reach Mr. Eldrik and Rob with County Road Dept to speak with community about what can be done and what people will have to do if they want anything done. Councilman Stokes stated that NW 46th also needed cleaning. She stated that the road is becoming impassable and that people are dropping junk and dead animals. Guest Dick Gerard reported that there are lowing hanging limbs at NW 152nd St and NW 41 Avenue.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

Councilman Stokes reported that she reported that all street lights seem to be working.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Councilman Sherman reported that Covid cases are still rising and hospitals are now full. She recommends that the community center remains closed. The Farmlands Group would like to have a public meeting against proposed action by the County at the Community Center. After discussion, the Council decided last month that for public meetings or government meetings, the Center can be used but an agreement must be signed and group must wear masks and follow CDC guidelines (temp. checks, hand sanitizer, wearing masks, max. attendance 100. These procedures will continue.

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The amended plan was submitted to the State for review. No corrections or concerns were received from any of the agencies involved. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the amended plan be adopted and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cromwell will begin work on the amendment for water management.

- **BACKPACK GIVE AWAY CHURCH OF GOD:**

Councilman Sherman informed those present that the Church of God will be having a backpack give away again this year. There will be prizes, bbq, and a fish fry. Information booths will be available to assist the community with vital information. This year, they are also teaming up with the Jamaican Community with backpacks.

- **PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION AREA:**

Council President Rogers reported that he had a meeting with Jim Couillard about the agreement for the proposed park. He is currently working on the design. The agreement and lease assigned expense to each participant and costs of maintaining to the Town of Reddick. We are requesting a new agreement that will specifically assign maintenance areas equally. Because we do not have employees, what we are recommending that Parks and Recreation and School Board maintain the area and pro-rate costs and bill the Town of Reddick for its share. We need to know costs soon for budgeting purposes which we will read in Sept. 2022 as the fiscal year begins October 1st. Mr. Couillard was very receptive and will draft a new letter of understanding and it will list estimated costs involved. There will be a "Rise Up for Reddick" day on July 30th from 10:00am to 2:00pm, which hopefully have a design of the new park. There will be free hotdogs, snow cones, and popcorn. The

Town will be providing hotdogs and buns. There will be a number of county candidates running in August's election. All Council members need to plan to be on hand.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING:**

Councilman Cromwell attended the emergency management meeting on June 17th. She shared the following information:

- 1) Vanguard High and West Port High will be pet-friendly shelters during emergencies
- 2) Special needs residents can go to West Port High and this year their families can stay with them also
- 3) Special needs residents need to preregister as soon as possible so that Emergency Management can locate them. You can register at [alertmarion.com](http://alertmarion.com)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROPERTY VALUES FOR REDDICK:**

The property appraiser has valued the property in the city limits of the Town of Reddick at \$15,568,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: