

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

August 4, 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 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

ABSENT:

Myra Sherman
Nadine Stokes, Councilman

GUESTS

Cindy Rogers	Pam Gerard	Dick Gerard	Fondale Evans	Joe Perry
Jessica Heller	Dep. Carlton Curtis	Loretta Shaffer	Patti Vetter	John Vetter

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 July 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 July, 2022 was presented for review. Expense exceeded income for the month by \$610.05. Income still exceeds expense for the year by \$45,757.38. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the Financial Report be accepted as presented, and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present unanimously. Councilman Stokes and Councilman Sherman were not present. Motion carried pending audit.

LORETTA SHAFFER - MARION COUNTY TOURISM AND WELCOME CENTER:

Ms. Shaffer addressed those present regarding tourism in Marion County. She spoke of the new branding of Marion County and displayed the new logo, explaining the work that went into the research and development of this new brand. Marion County is emphasizing our title as the horse capital featuring the new World Equestrian Center, our parks and natural resources, and the friendly atmosphere found in our communities. She explained that tourism saves Marion County money generated from our sales taxes, benefitting all residents. Marion County is being promoted "to discover Ocala/Marion Co. is to discover unexpected Florida". They are currently developing an app and website. You can give feedback and place advertisements.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig was not able to attend the meeting, but was represented by Dep. Carlton Curtis who gave the statistical report for July. This report was read by Mayor Stroup. There were 77 calls, of which 34 were self initiated, broken down as follows: 8 traffic stops, 2 alarm calls, 7 security checks, 6 disturbances and 5 suspicious activity, and 6 well-being checks. The incident on NW 41st Avenue is still under investigation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mayor Stroup stated they were several on-going code issues: 4205 NW 154th St was mailed a letter about his property junk and litter and recent fallen tree across his house. This letter has yet to be picked up. J. Kipfer is to go before the Code Enforcement Bd on August 10th at 9:00 am. Property on NW 155th St was turned over to Code Enforcement on August 6th. 4151 NW 155th St. picked up their letter on July 28. If we do not hear from them, it will be turned over to Code Enforcement. The house is torn down and has one piece of fence up. A concern over the Rager property having a mini house which has someone living in it needs to be confirmed because it is against zoning.

ROADWORK:

Councilman Youmans reported that a tree fell across NW 151st Street and has been removed and a tree was removed on NW 47th St. Also, she is looking into a deep pothole on NW 157th near Club Charmant and one on NW 47th. She has also just been informed of a pot hole near Reddick-Collier Elementary School. She will be working on getting these items repaired. She has been in contact with Marion County Road Dept. and has been informed that it is up to the community to decide on what they want to have done and how much they are willing to surrender to get it accomplished. She will be talking with them again.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

It was decided to continue keeping the Community Center closed except for government activities. These procedures will continue.

- **PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION AREA:**

This past Saturday (July 30) was "Rise Up Reddick" day. Parks and Recreation was available to answer questions and provided a bounce house, free hotdogs and snow cones. Youth were also available to play games with children. The event was poorly attended. We are still waiting on lease agreements but funds has been secured. Park will have walking paths with exercise stations and benches, restrooms, and a tot playground. Our portion of the funding will be \$150,000, with the County giving \$300,000. Yearly maintenance is estimated to be \$13,500 per year. Reddick plans to use our ARPA funds which will cover our initial \$150,000 and three years of maintenance. After three years, it will be added to the annual budget. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that we proceed with the park as proposed and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried by those present with no opposition.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **PICKLE BALL COURT:**

A request was made to add Pickle Ball to the Tennis Courts. Those who were going to make a presentation are not here. It was decided to table this items until next meeting.

- **1st READING OF 2023 TOWN BUDGET:**

Council President Rogers went over the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Total expected revenues for 2022-2023 are \$283,910.00, with \$42,104.00 being the restricted transportation funds.

Total expenditures are estimated to be \$283,910.00, and a net of \$241,806.00 when removing the restricted transportation funds. Adding in the ARPA funds for the planned park area, gives us a total balanced budget of \$405,306.00

- **JOHN VETTER INQUIRING ABOUT ADVERTISING SIGN:**

Mr. Vetter commented that if we had advertised the "Rise Up Reddick" event with a sign, it would have been better attended. Council responded that a flashing sign was set up along right-of-way advertising the event, a flyer was handed out to all local churches, and it was placed on the town website and social media. Council President commented that if he wanted to bring a proposal to the Council for consideration of a sign, it would be reviewed. Mr. Vetter will be bringing a proposal to the next Council meeting.

- **MICHAEL MITCHELL:**

Mr. Mitchell asked to be put on the agenda but was not present at meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: