

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 1, 2022

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 1, 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

GUESTS

Dick Gerard	Joe Perry	Rodney Long	Carole Long	Lt. Claude McQuaig
Patti Vetter	John Vetter	Whitfield Jenkins	Loretta Jenkins	Ali Jenkins
Michael Patterson	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 August 4, 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.
- Financial Statement for the month of August, 2022 was presented for review. Income exceeded income for the month by \$118,501.70, and for the year by \$260,747.49, because the American Rescue Funds payment was received. The ARFA payment was \$97,706.00 and has been set aside for funding the new park. 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. Motion carried pending audit.

RODNEY LONG, CANDIDATE FOR SENATE-DIST. 9:

Rodney Long, Candidate for Senate-District 9 addressed Council and guests present. District 9 is a newly created district covering three counties: Marion, Levy, and half of Alachua. Mr. Long is a businessman and former Gainesville Commissioner and Alachua County Commissioner. He stated he pro local government experience for local government and also opposes the proposed toll road that will cut through Levy and Marion Counties.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig gave the August report which included 15 traffic violations, 11 alarms, 21 security checks, 8 disturbances, and 9 911 hang-ups. There were 97 calls for service of which 53 were self-initiated.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mayor Stroup reported that complaint on property at 4205 NW 154th St. has been turned over to Code Enforcement. Property owned by Jason Kipfer was turned over to Code Enforcement and there was a hearing on Aug. 10. Code Enforcement set a date for property to be cleared of Junk and litter or daily fines will be imposed. It was reported that a mini-house was placed on property owned the A. Rager, and that it was being inhabited. This has yet to be confirmed. Sheriff's Dept. is assisting in trying to confirm.

ROADWORK:

Councilman Youmans stated that the road was repaired by Club Charmant and United Baptist Church. The limerock repair on NW 39th was done but needs more limerock. A tree fell on NW 47th right-of-way. She is still waiting on a reply from Marion County (Mr. Elton) for public meeting on roads. Council President made a recommendation to mark and prioritize right-of-ways for cleanup. Mayor Stroup mentioned that NW 152nd Lane, which is a county road, needs work from 25A to where it dead ends. Councilman Stokes reported that NW 46th needs to have right-of-way cleared and a pothole filled.

STREET LIGHTS:

All street lights seem to be working.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Councilman Sherman stated that areas are opening up and that if Covid Protocols are followed, it was time to reopen Community Center for personal use. We will need to update our Rental Agreement to include the covid protocols. If rental agreement rules and covid protocols are not followed, then the \$200.00 damage deposit will be forfeited. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the Community Center be opened for personal use beginning October 1st. Councilman Sherman seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

- **PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION AREA:**

Council President Rogers reported that we have no update at the time. The Town has received the funds to begin, but we are waiting on an Agreement from the County outlining costs responsibilities and from the Marion County School Board for a rental agreement. Commissioner Stone is assisting to get the ball rolling.

- **2ND READING OF 2022-2023 BUDGET:**

Council President stated that the budget had to be adjusted as we have just received insurance invoice for 2023 which was \$1000.00 over estimates. This adjustment was made to income and expenses giving us a balanced budget of \$241,806 and with park expense, \$405,306.00. This figure includes expenses for the proposed park. If the park does not happen this fiscal year, it will be carried forward to the next year. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that the budget be accepted as presented and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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. This item is being removed from the docket.

- **JOHN VETTER -ADVERTISING SIGN:**

Mr. Vetter presented a proposal to purchase a sign for the Community Center to help with communication to the Reddick community. He has found a sign which is two-sided for \$400.00 and an additional \$100.00 for mounting. He has offered to donate labor. He researched lettering and found a decent quality letter set for \$399.98, for a total sign cost of approximately \$699.00. He suggested that it be placed somewhere on Community Center property but not obstruct view of road intersection. Council President asked who would maintain the sign? Mr. Vetter stated he would donate his time. Councilman Sherman moved that we purchase the sign and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

• **REQUEST FOR RESPONSE CONCERNING VARIOUS COMPLAINTS BY MICHAEL MITCHELL:**

Mayor Stroup has received emails requesting a response on the following complaints by Michael Mitchell:

- 1) Kost Plumbing running a business on a R-2 zoned property south of CR 316. By the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, it was determined by Council and public hearing that there be no business south of CR 316. Jerry Avery sold an R-2 property to Jason Kipfer who was told that it was a residential parcel and could not be used as an on-site business. Kost does not operate a business on site, taking calls and then goes out to the call.
- 2) Sign on right-of-way by Donnie Cassidy on NW 152nd Lane. This road is a county road as is County 25-A.
- 3) Michelle Richter has a 5-wheel on property and someone is living in it. We have not been able to confirm that anyone is living in the 5th wheel.
- 4) Michelle Richter has a Quonset hut on her property that is not 10 feet from the property line. This has not yet been confirmed. Was the Quonset hut on property when purchased by Mrs. Richter? The Town of Reddick has Interlocal Agreements with Marion County where and when it is decided to go forward on a complaint, it is turned over to Marion County for inspection, expertise, and enforcement. It is frustrating that the process is time-consuming and lengthy. The Town then pays for expenses incurred by the County so that Council has the ability to initiate and follow through. A letter will be sent to Mr. Mitchell of Council's intentions.
- 5) Pet kennel on NW 152nd Lane in residential area. Per Comprehensive Plan and Town Charter, kennels are permitted. Will check further on this item.

BURN PERMIT FOR A. LAMAR:

Mr. Lamar asked if he needed a burn permit to burn some logs too large to cut up on his property. The pile is smaller than 10 ft x 10 ft. Council President responded that he would need to get one from the Forestry service but from experience if the pile is smaller than 10' x 10' and there is not advisory out, you can burn. Council President recommended he contact the forestry service before trying to burn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: