

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 2, 2023

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEN

Martha Cromwell, Councilman Pro Tem
Myra Sherman
Shirley Youmans

ABSENT: Nadine Stokes

GUESTS

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Fondale Evans	Alphonso Lamar	Cindy Rogers
Tony Ward	John Vetter	Patti Vetter	David Glynn	Jeff Oswald
Lt. Keith McQuaig	Jerrylene Barr	Cynthia Davis	Mary Lambert	Lonzo Douglas
Carolyn Douglas	Candi Bastien	Sandi Bastien		

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 January 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed . A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Sherman seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- The Financial Statement for the month of January, 2023 was presented for review. Expense exceeded income for the month by \$115.30 and all bills have been paid. Expense continues to exceed income for the year due to full payment of insurance premium and clean up from storms. The Raymond-James statement has not yet been received. Also, standard trash pickup has increased by \$96.60 per month for 2023. There will be an increase each year for the next five years at a variable rate. Councilman Cromwell made a motion to accept the financial report for January, 2023 and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Keith McQuaig gave a report for January activity. Nine reports were written and there is an ongoing investigation on a shooting and suspect. There were two traffic stops and security checks. Councilman Youmans asked incidents at schools. Lt. McQuaig responded that they are handled by the SRO at each school and go through the Juvenile Div. Council President Rogers asked about dirt bike activity and racing of unlicensed motor bikes running up and down 25A and NW 155th. Lt. McQuaig stated that they have tried to pursue them but they go off road and do not know where they reside. Also, the semi parked on the right-of-way overnight which was reported last month, is still there. It parks over the weekend on 25A. Lt. McQuaig said he would check on it on his way home.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Council President Rogers reported that we are still tied up with County and the Inter-local Agreement not being completed. We are still waiting on County Attorney to rewrite. In the meantime, we are taking information and doing our part but cannot process until we have an agreement with the county.

ROADWORK:

There are 21 parcels along NW 155th that need to get on the same page and paving will be an estimated \$575,000. We will need to have a public meeting. Reddick needs to make the decision. No word about County coming to clean up trash along 25A and NW 155th. Limbs and debris have been removed from NW 46th.

STREET LIGHTS:

Street lights are out by the bank building. Mr. Glynn said he would get the pole numbers to us for reporting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION AREA:**

County has submitted three plans for the recreation area. Walking path had to be adjusted from original plan because it must be compliant with Disabilities Act and it would be too costly to bring it to code. It would cost three times more than original estimate. Option one has small walking path, restrooms, picnic pavilion, with playground centered next to parking area with entrance coming in off parking area. Option two: Basically the same but eliminating pavilion, and moving playground closer to library and no walking path. Entrance would come from library area. Option three: Basically the same as Option two, but with walking path and pavilion. Areas will be fenced with a decorative two-rail fence. Recreation area will be open from morning to sunset. None of the options will interfere with Interfaith food pantry. Councilman Cromwell made a motion that we accept Option 3 but move entrance to come off the center of the paved parking area so as to not interfere with library parking. If adjustments cannot be made, then Option 1. Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council President Rogers will give decision to County Parks and Recreation to see if the adjustments can be made. The School Board will provide a lease once a legal description is decided. It is going before the County at its next Council meeting.

- **QUALIFYING FOR TOWN ELECTIONS OPENING IN JANUARY:**

Qualifying for upcoming election closed on January 28th at 12:00 noon. One candidate qualified for each opening. Since there was not more than one qualifier for each office, there will be no election in April. The following qualified: Councilman Group Four: Shirley Youmans; Councilman Group 5: Nadine Stokes; Mayor: John Vetter; Town Clerk: Marjorie Stroup.

- **TENNIS COURTS:**

Jeff Oswald presented two quotes for resurfacing the tennis courts, one for \$16,546 and one for \$25,000. He suggested that one side of the courts be painted for tennis and the other side painted for pickle ball. Council President Rogers stated that one more bid was needed. He would contact the County to see who they have under contract and contact provider we have used in the past. He would also like to find out how far we need to go down for resurfacing. He would try to have someone from Parks and Recreation come by to advise.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **JERRYLENE BARR GUEST HOUSE:**

Ms. Barr asked about putting a guest house on her parcel. She has a relative sick with cancer and would like to provide a place close to her. Mayor Stroup told her that he reviewed her property and that it was zoned R-1 which means that she must have an acre for each residence. Her parcel is only .66 acres and does not accommodate being split for a second residence. She said she has had it surveyed several times and that Jimmy Chambers was one of the surveys. Mayor Stroup said he would try to locate the survey and see if anything can be done; however, with it being zoned R-1 there would not be much they could do.

- **CANDI BASTIEN PROPERTY:**

Miss Bastien has purchased 10 acres and would like to have it divided into three parcels. The property is zoned R-1. It can be divided but each new parcel must have road access and be at least one acre. She will need to have someone prepare a site plan to make sure every lot is meeting zoning requirements.

- **ALPHONSO LAMAR SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**

Mr. Lamar's Special Use Permit expires in February and he wants to be sure that if his MH is delivered a few days after expiration will he need a new permit. Council President Rogers stated that if it is in within a few days, he will not need a new permit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

James R. Stroup

Date: