

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 1, 2023

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

John Vetter, Mayor  
Steven Rogers, Council Pres.  
Marjorie Stroup, Clerk

COUNCILMEN

Martha Cromwell, Councilman Pro Tem  
Myra Sherman  
Shirley Youmans

ABSENT: Nadine Stokes

GUESTS

James Stroup	Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Cindy Rogers	Lt. Keith McQuaig
Joe Perry	Gauge Racz	James Racz	Cynthia Davis	Fondale Evans
Ruben Ramirez	Albert Rager			

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Rogers, with Councilman Sherman giving an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the May, 2023 meeting were reviewed . A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to approve minutes with no corrections. Councilman Youmans seconded motion and motion carried unanimously.
- The Financial Statement for the month of May, 2023 was presented for review. All bills have been paid. Income exceeded expense for the month by \$7,849, and for the year by \$5,240. A motion was made by Councilman Cromwell to accept the financial report as presented and Councilman Youmans and Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. Keith McQuaig gave a report for May activity. 99 calls for services. There were 11 traffic stops and 4 suspicious activity calls. Seven reports were written, among them one shooting on NW 148th Pl. which is still under investigation and one domestic violence call and a call from Reddick-Collier Elem. Lt. McQuaig cautioned all about increase in fraudulent calls and scams, ranging from asking for gift cards to saying your Amazon account has been hacked and asking for account information. Please be cautious about giving your information out. When asked about truck and trailer on NW 148th, Lt. McQuaig responded that he is still working on it. Each time he has tried to make contact, no one answers to door. Lt. McQuaig introduced Dep. Ramirez who works our area. Councilman Sherman mentioned that they would like to have a presence at the backpack give away on July 22nd. Lt. McQuaig responded that he will try to have someone available.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mayor Vetter contacted Marion County and spoke with Robin Hough who came out and met with him and Council President Rogers. Interlocal Agreement moving forward, hopefully will have some answers for us by next week. He stated that he promises to be the "squeaky wheel". When we have the executed Interlocal Agreement, we can move forward. Mayor Vetter commented that the burned house on 25A at the entrance of Town limit is an eyesore and we may need to consider taking it down. If we do so, we will put a lien on the property for the cost incurred. Council President Rogers commented that it would fall under unsafe

structures, but that once we have an agreement we can move forward in dealing with taking it down, as well as other situations. Additionally, the ownership of the property needs to be clarified.

### **ROADWORK:**

Councilman Youmans reported that Donnie Cassidy has been doing some road work. Grady Stafford will also be contacted. NW 154th St. is cleaned; NW 41st Terrace is clear; on NW 141st has taken care of pot holes and cut down the trees on the right-of-way. He is also working on clearing line of vision for street signs. She states that limerock owned by the Town to be used to fill potholes is on private property, accessed by Donnie Cassidy. She currently cannot use Grady Stafford, who has the equipment to fill the potholes, because of accessibility. She wanted to bring to the attention of the Council that on NW 157th and NW 47th, the owner of a tractor trailer has fixed the right-of-way shoulder with a milling product so he can park his truck on his property. He has done a good job and maybe we should consider using this product on other areas. She asked that anyone who sees a problem with the right-of-way to text her and she shared her phone number. Council President commented that for many years Donnie was the only contact for emergency services we had. Now that we have other parties interested how are we going to identify who to call. Councilman Youmans stated she is planning to call Donnie one time, then next time, call Grady. Alternating each time. Council President suggested that she get pricing for non-emergency items from both and bring it to Council. Councilman Youmans asked about house at the end of NW 153rd St. Council President stated that that is an unsafe structure and is a Code Enforcement issue and cars are not on the right-of-way.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

All streets lights seem to be working.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION AREA:**

It appears that Agreement with the County is on their agenda for vote. After that it should go to the School Board and then we will need a legal description for agreement with School Board. Parks and Recreation is ready to go. Good news is that Florida League of Cities, our insurance carrier, says our existing liability coverage will cover park at no additional cost and will do an inspection after it is completed.

- **TENNIS COURTS:**

No motion was made to take the Tennis Courts off the table. No one has brought additional information to move forward. To resurface will be \$85,000-100,000. How many of our actual residents use the courts?

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MEETING WITH NEW AUDITORS:**

Margie and Council President will meet with new auditors next week. New state law will not allow accountants for town to also audit. Crippen has found a new auditor and we will meet on June 13th to get more information about costs and what they will need from us for their audit.

- **LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM:**

Mr. Stroup spoke to Council and those present on behalf of Marion County Public Library about summer program to begin next week. On Tuesday's, there will be a hot meal for children 0 to 18 years from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Prior to the meal, they will be a children's program which includes arts and crafts, games, story time at 10:30am in the library and at 1:00 there will be a movie at the library. He then passed out flyers about the program.

- **MEMORIAL DAY:**

This past Memorial Day, Ben Horton was at the Community Center and played taps under the flag. Maybe next year, we can put information on the sign so everyone will know.

- **RAYMOND JAMES UPDATE:**

Most of the Town's investment s are in bonds with Raymond-James. Interest is down, our return is 1.69%, even so they are projecting \$109,000 interest income for this year. These funds are used to help pay for costs of operating the Town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor

Date: