

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 3, 2024

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

Nadine Stokes, Council Pres.  
John Vetter, Mayor

COUNCILMEN

Patti Vetter, Councilman Pro Tem  
Shirley Youmans, Councilman  
Myra Sherman, Councilman  
Andrea Barnes, Councilman

ABSENT: Marjorie Stroup, Clerk

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Lucy Ward	Donald Manning	Brian Kuhl
Cathy Kuhl	Fondale Evans	James Racz	Lt. D. J. Medlin	Ann Downey
Lara Moody	Mary Salter	Joe Perry	Kathy Leskosky	Jesse Lunsford
Heather Stine	Joseph Stine	Xander Stine	David Shashy	Ben Shashy

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

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the September 5, 2024, meeting were reviewed. With no corrections or additions, Councilman Patti Vetter made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented, and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. D.J. Medlin presented a report as Lt. McQuaig was unavailable to be present. For the period August 1 to September 15: there were 25 traffic stops, 8 citations, 5 battery calls, 3 arrests, and 4 drug investigations, and 38 security checks. There were a total of 152 calls for service. Councilman Youmans questioned about a raid on NW 155<sup>th</sup> St. Lt. Medlin responded that there was a pursuit from Ocala to NW 155<sup>th</sup> St about a stolen vehicle. Person was apprehended. Guest Salter asked for assistance for repeated gatherings with loud music on NW 48<sup>th</sup>. When deputies respond they are quiet and then start up again after deputies leave. Mrs. Stroup reminded Lt. Medlin that there is a no trespass order on the parcel of property by the owners.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Included in Mayor's Report

ROADWORK & STREET MAINTENANCE:

Road maintenance and right-of-way maintenance is being done. Residents need to be mindful and pick up trash and not add to the problem. Councilman Youmans asked that she be notified if you questions or have anything to report. Mrs. Salter stated that grass was growing and lanes were narrowing because of the mulberries. Councilman Youmans responded that it is being addressed. Tree limb came down on NW 152<sup>nd</sup> Lane. We pushed it out of the way and cleared small debris. This is a county road and was reported to them. Will check on its progress. It was reported that some trees came down on NW 155<sup>th</sup> and NW 48<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Vetter has someone to clear, but it making a list to warrant full day of work. Joe Perry stated that Michael Henderson charged people to pick up debris. When asked who he charged there was no response. Will check with Michael about this.

We have spent over \$103,000 so far this year for maintenance of the right-of-ways and hurricane season is not over. Residents were reminded that they are responsible for the debris on their property. Do not place on right-of-way unless instructed to do so.

### **STREET LIGHTS:**

Mrs. Salter reported a street light out at Club Charmant and Mrs. Moody said one was out on NW 42 Ave.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Vetter reported that he, Councilman Patti Vetter, and Town clerk, Marjorie Stroup attended a meeting on F-ROC at the Emergency Management Building. This organization works with FEMA in that they can advance money immediately after a disaster so that small municipalities do not have to wait months, sometimes years to get reimbursed for approved disaster expense. This meeting went over initial requirements and paperwork that needs to be completed for 2025. He also met with Preston Bowlin of Emergency Management and was given a tour of the facilities. He met with Sheriff Billy Woods and Lt. Keith McQuaig to discuss increasing police presence in the Town. Woods shared that he was adding deputies for 28 openings. More deputies were needed.

- Concerning the Town generator, a new company has been called in and hopefully it will be fixed soon.
- Double Entry Door to Comm. Ctr: Estimate to replace door and vanity in ladies room is \$6800. By licensed installer and permitting from County. Councilman Sherman stated that she felt it was too much money and we should get another bid. Mayor Vetter stated he would get another bid and also compile a list of things needing repair and get it to Council.
- Mayor Vetter suggested we get motion lights at exits because it is very dark in the evenings. Councilman Sherman said she knew of someone who could do the installation of the lights.

It was suggested that we take the needed repairs and do them in steps and by priority.

Property at 4205 NW 154<sup>th</sup> St is now owned by a church and a pastor Winston Brewster. Mayor Vetter asked if Mr. Brewster were present. He was not. The house on the property has been declared an unsafe structure and Code Enforcement is getting bids on the demolition. The Town will have to pay for demolition and put a lien on the property. We have worked hard to get an agreement with Code Enforcement and we need to stand by their recommendations. They are getting three bids and we have one already. Guest Gerard asked if the Fire College would demolish it as a training event. Mayor Vetter stated he will check on it, but he does not think so.

Two stores in Town have approached Mayor Vetter and would like to sell beer on Sunday. This would have to be an ordinance and would require publishing it in the newspaper for two months and have public input. Some guests present stated they do not want beer sold on Sunday.

Reindeer Romp: It is was suggested that the Town purchase water and Gatorade to be given out at the event. It will cost approximately \$200. All were in agreement. Mayor Vetter mentioned that he would like to see the Town have a similar event in the spring with hotdogs, etc.

Cox and Spectrum: Spectrum Cable RDOT is broadband project by the government to provide cable and internet streaming to rural areas. Cox is also in the area doing it on their own. Cox is a ground fiberoptic and Spectrum is aerial. They will not compete. Spectrum has an agreement with Duke Energy who has permission to bring their electric wires, poles, etc on the Town's right-of-ways. Cox has said they will not come into Reddick if Spectrum does. Windstream will still be available to residents.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **PROPOSED RECREATION AREA:**

Steve Rogers was not present to present any updates. Things are still progressing.

- **2nd READING OF 2024-2025 BUDGET:**

Councilman Stokes read the second reading of the 2024-2025 budget. Estimated revenues other than transportation are \$264,095.00. Transportation revenues are estimated at \$23,210., for a total estimated revenue of \$287,305.00. Expenditures for the town (including mowing of right-of-ways, trash pickup, insurance, street lights, auditor/accountant fees, etc) are expected to total \$264,095.00. Transportation costs breakdown will total \$23,201.00, totaling \$287,305.00, for a balanced budget. Councilman Patti Vetter made a motion that the proposed budget be accepted as presented and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL:**

Waiting on rental plan to be drafted by Council.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING:**

A meeting with the Dept of Emergency Management and Preston Bowlin is being set up for Council members to attend. Council members seem to be in agreement that a Friday afternoon in Nov. would be the best time. We will contact Emerg. Mgmt to set up an appointment.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **SPECIAL USE PERMIT-STINE:**

Joseph and Heather Stine have applied for a Special Use Permit to allow them to place a new mobile home on a 6-acre parcel on NW 155<sup>th</sup> St. The notice has been posted for 10 days. All paper work has been submitted and the permit fee has been paid. It was asked if anyone present had any comment to make. No one responded and Councilman Youmans made a motion that the Special Use Permit be granted and Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **FENCE AROUND BASKETBALL COURT:**

Dr. Manning, Principal of the Reddick-Collier Elem. School, would like to see the fence around the basketball court moved to allow access for kids to play on the court. Currently, they are jumping the fence to get in and it is an automatic arrest for trespassing. The fenced area is school property and the fence is school property. The Town does not know why he would need our input. The subject is tabled until next meeting.

- **CHANGING BANK SIGNATURES:**

Because of changes in office seats by election, the bank signatures need to be updated. Former Council Pres. Rogers needs to be removed and another Council member needs to be added. Councilman Youmans made a motion that Council President Nadine Stokes be added in his place and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **TRACTOR IN SHED:**

Guest Gerard asked about the tractor the Town owns and could it be used to help move debris from hurricanes. Mayor Vetter said it has not been started for several years, but he would look into it.

- **NAMES PLATES:**

Because of so many newly elected Council members, guests feel that name plates would be helpful to them for identifying members.

- **FUNERAL HOME IN OLD BANK:**

It was asked if bank bldg. was still going to be a funeral home. Mayor Vetter shared that it appears they have backed out.

- **SEMI TRUCKS PARKING ON RIGHT OF WAY OVERNIGHT:**

Guest Ward stated that a semi-truck has been parking on the right-of-way overnight. Mayor Vetter reported that Lt. McQuaig spoke with him and he said the truck was broken down and when it was fixed he would not park there anymore.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor