

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

January 2, 2025

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT:

John Vetter, Mayor
Nadine Stokes, Council President
Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

COUNCILMEN:

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

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard	Martha Cromwell	David Glynn	Lara Moody
Byron T Unber	Sandra Roberts	Keith McQuaig	Joe Perry
Shannon Kost	Mary Salter	Lucy Ward	Jan Vandebult

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Council President Nadine Stokes, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Councilman Sherman giving an invocation.

Mayor Vetter asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the passing of former President Jimmy Carter.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the Nov 7, 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. There were no December 2024 minutes to review as a quorum was not present at that meeting and Council President Stokes cancelled the meeting with no business being conducted.
- The financial statement for November, 2024 was presented for review. Income exceeded Expense by \$3,825.71; however, we are still in the red for the year-to-date of \$-24,649.37. This was caused by paying annual insurance premium of \$19,115 and continued maintenance and cleanup of the right of ways. Councilman Youmans made a motion that the report be approved as presented and Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.
- The financial statement for December 2024 was next presented for review. Expense exceed income by \$1,143.68 for the month, leaving a deficit for the year of \$25,665.91. Added expense for the month of December consisted of repairs to the generator of \$2,325.92 and repairs to the historical bank building of \$2100.00. Motion was made by Councilman Sherman to approve the report as presented and motion was seconded by Councilman Vetter. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

CODE VIOLATION – BREWSTER:

Mr. Brewster attended the December meeting to address issues with the property on NW 154th St., but because a quorum of Council was not presented, his case was not addressed. Because of prior commitments, he was unable to attend the January meeting. Councilman

Vetter made a motion to table attending to this code violation until the next Council meeting. Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Vetter stated that at the February meeting, this issue has dragged on for months and will be addressed whether Mr. Brewster is present or not.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig addressed Council, reporting for the period Oct 3, 2024 – Jan 2, 2025. He saw no real concerns for Reddick during this period. There were 157 calls for service: 21 traffic stops, 25 security checks, 17 civil disturbances. Questions were raised concerning fireworks and the legality of the type of fireworks being used and what cut off time is there. Reddick does not have a noise ordinance and relies on Marion County's. Lt. McQuaig said that they were permitted to use fireworks on the 4th of July and New Year's. Otherwise, call 311 to report disturbances. They will respond on the basis of importance of what is happening at the time. Mary Salter also stated that the loud music continues on NW 157th and NW 48th and asked if they would monitor the area more closely. Lucy Ward asked about semi-trucks parking on the right of way overnight and number of vehicles on a property. The semis are causing a problem with visibility in oncoming traffic. She also stated that the dogs at a property on NW 151st and NW 42nd Terr. are barking endlessly and are vicious. Lt. McQuaig stated the dogs were out of his prevue and she should call animal control.

ROADWORK AND MAINTENANCE:

Councilman Youmans reported that there were two potholes on NW 48th and NW 155th before stop sign. Mayor Vetter asked about trucks tires accumulating on NW 48th and she responded that she has talked to the owner. She also reported that there is a steady flow of traffic on Crescent Road and that a stop sign needs to be installed at Crescent and NW 155th. She also stated that there are people living in tents in the back. We will need to order sign posts Councilman Youmans also complained about litter along NW 155th St. It was explained that it was not the responsibility of the mowing crew, but the responsibility of the property owners. Councilman Barnes said that she would try to get a crew together and see if they could clean it up. It will be the property owner's responsibility to keep it clean.

STREET LIGHTS:

Mrs. Stroup reported that she had no street lights reported to her. Joe Perry stated that the street light on NW 151st is cycling on and off. He will call with the pole number. Mrs. Salter stated that the light at Club Charmant is still very dim and there is no light at NW 157th and NW 47th. She asked if a light could be installed as it is very dark and she lives alone.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Vetter requested Council to consider the **Opioid Pandemic Settlement** Interlocal Agreement with Marion County. The state has awarded funds to be used by facilities for substance abuse programs. Reddick currently does not have any programs and cases go to County facilities. This agreement awards the monies to the County; otherwise, the money would have to be returned to the state. The amount is very small, a couple hundred dollars. Councilman Vetter made a motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Repairs to **the Reddick Bank Bldg**. Electricity has been restored for \$2100.00 and estimated roof repairs are \$3800.00. He stated that estimated costs for repairs could get costly over the years. He would like to see funds set aside for the repairs. Councilman Sherman wanted to know if we could pay as we go and the repairs could be done by locals. Councilman Youmans asked if a price has been set for the whole job. We could pay a percentage up front and the balance when the work was done. Guest Lara Moody stated that she has seen

John and Patti Vetter spending a lot of their own time cleaning the area. Mayor Vetter stated that Chad Sweetalla is a local resident and is familiar with restoring old buildings. He cannot give a complete price because he does not know what he will find as he works. Guests Martha Cromwell and Lara Moody stated that Chad does excellent work and is very trustworthy and honest. Councilman Sherman stated she would like more information and would like Mr. Sweetalla to give a proposal as to a set price. That we do not need an open-end agreement. The Bank is a historical building and we would like to save it. It was also suggested that we do some fund-raising and get the community involved. Council President Stokes said to get ballpark figures together for repairs so we can move forward. We can do one project at a time. Finish one, then start another once it was completed. We could then pay as we get work done and control the budget at the same time. Council President Stokes will get a committee together.

Generator repairs. So far, we have spent \$3,704.39 on repairs and ACF is requesting an additional \$5,952.56 to get it started. This will still not repair the unit, only get it started to see why it is searching instead of kicking on. This is costing more than was expected. A new generator would be about \$30,000 to \$40,000. Repairs to this unit may go as high as \$15000. Do we need the unit? Since it was installed, it has not been used. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we do not fix the unit. Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Center repairs: Bathroom sink in ladies' room has been repaired. Front doors will be replaced next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **REDDICK PARK:** Equipment has been ordered and work should begin soon. Park is to be ready by the end of Spring.
- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** Repairs are still being done and we will table till the February meeting. Councilman Youmans moved that we table reviewing a plan for the Community Center until next meeting and Councilman Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **DISASTER READINESS ASSESMENT FOR F-ROC:** The Readiness Assessment needs to be done by Jan. 31st. We have completed the initial forms and the assessment is to get a higher award rating. These monies are through FEMA and F-ROC is a plan to help community governments get money reimbursed quicker. It will require writing many policies that do not particularly apply to our small town. We will not be getting any more money, only awards of the money from FEMA up front instead of waiting 1-2 years. Councilman Vetter made a motion that we use the assessment rating we currently have and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **FENCE AROUND BASKETBALL COURT:** The principal at Reddick-Collier is taking care of the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ELECTION QUALIFYING:** Mrs. Stroup explained that qualifying for the April election will take place the end of January. Seats up for election are Mayor, Councilman Seat 4, and Councilman Seat 5. She has a call in to the Supervisor of Elections as to whether we need to

hold an election since we just had a special election 4 months ago. She has not heard back but will notify everyone as soon as she get word.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor