

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 6, 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
Shirley Youmans, Councilman

ABSENT:

Myra Sherman, Councilman

GUESTS:

Martha Cromwell	David Glynn	George Stratton	Jan Stratton
Mary Salter	Joe Perry	Brian Kuhl	Cathy Kuhl
Virginia Goodson	Lucy Ward	Jim Racz	Gauge Racz
Caroline Webster	Alphonso Lamar	Kathy Leskosky	Winston Brewster
Jasmine Morals	Derrian James	Eric _____ illegible	

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

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the January 2, 2025, meeting were reviewed by Council President Stokes. With no corrections or additions, Councilman Patti Vetter made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented, and Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- The financial statement for January, 2025 was presented for review. Expense exceeded Income by \$1,633.90; and we are still in the red for the year-to-date of \$-27435.45. This was caused by paying annual insurance premium of \$19,115 and continued maintenance and cleanup of the right of ways. Councilman Vetter made a motion that the report be approved as presented and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, pending audit.

CODE VIOLATION – BREWSTER:

Mr. Brewster presented a letter from Robert J. Brady, Prof. Engineer, in Ocala. Mr. Brady inspected the structure at 4205 NW 154th Street, Reddick, FL, and stated that though portions of the structure was heavily damaged, the damaged area can be restored to allow occupancy of the structure. Mr. Brewster stated that he is moving forward on a day-to-day basis, but that weather has been a hinderance. Mayor Vetter asked Mr. Brewster for a timeline on repairs.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig was not able to be present. He contacted Mayor Vetter with the following report: 6 traffic violations, 1 trespass, 1 grand theft, 1 arrest without violence; 1 grand theft (Dollar General). He saw no real concerns for Reddick during this period. Mary Salter, Fondale Evans, and others stated that the loud music continues on NW 157th and NW 48th and asked if they would monitor the area more closely.

Guests present shared that there was a sex offender on NW 37th Terrace who was approaching children. They have reported it to the Sheriff's Dept. but until he is caught doing something they cannot respond. He is subletting from a renter at 1607 NW 160th. Mayor Vetter explained that it was out of the jurisdiction of the Town of Reddick, but that he would make a call to the Sheriff's Dept and share their concerns. He advised that they call the Sheriff's Office every time they see him in their area.

ROADWORK AND MAINTENANCE:

Councilman Youmans reported that the right-of-ways have been cleaned. Councilman Barnes coordinated the work that was done; but they are littering again. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep it clean. She reported that there were several potholes that needed attention and that the road shoulder from NW 48th Ave. to NW 157th needs to be fixed. Mary Salter commented that the right-of-way on NW 48th Ave. has grass and dirt encroaching on the road making it narrow. Fondale Evans stated that NW 47th Ave. road was narrowing also and cars were speeding down road to NW 155th. He also stated that he believes a lot of the litter is coming from the crowd that keeps gathering, playing loud music and blocking the roadway. He stated that most of the crowd was from out of town. When the Sheriff's Office is called, they do not respond. Also, the crowd seems to know when they are coming and quiet down until the officers leave, then start back up. He added that they are parking on the right-of-ways and in the street. Councilman Youmans asked everyone present to please "talk it up" that we need to keep our roads clean. Mayor Vetter reiterated that the crowd gathering has been repeatedly reported, but that the Town has an enforcement issue and depends on the Sheriff's Dept. Mr. Brewster reported that there were two trees on the town right-of-way that he had to have trimmed back from the power lines going to his property.

STREET LIGHTS:

Mrs. Stroup reported that she had no street lights reported to her. Mrs. Salter stated that the light at Club Charmant is still very dim and also the light at NW 157th and NW 47th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **REDDICK PARK:** Ground breaking for the new park will be held on Feb. 13th, at 10:00am.
- **COMMUNITY CENTER:** Repairs are still being done. Doors are ordered but have not been delivered. Councilman Youmans added that there is an active outbreak of influenza and that everyone needs to take proper precautions to protect their family and others.
- **ELECTION QUALIFYING:** Mrs. Stroup explained that she spoke with the Supervisor of Elections, who deferred to the Town attorney for a determination. He decided that since we just had a special election and the councilmen elected have only served a few months, that they be allowed to complete their terms. This means that the next town election will be in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A question was raised concerning the elderly gentlemen who is panhandling along 25A in Reddick. He is unsteady and is getting into the road in line of traffic. Mayor Vetter shared that the Sheriff's Dept. has been contacted and they asked him if he need assistance of any kind and he has refused any help. They cannot do anything for him without his consent.
- Mayor Vetter read a thank you from the Reddick Library expressing their gratitude for our participation and help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor