

TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 4, 2025

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk
John Vetter, Mayor
Patti Vetter, Council Pres. Pro Tem

Myra Sherman, Councilman
Andrea Barnes, Councilman
Shirley Youmans, Councilman

ABSENT:

Nadine Stokes, Council President

GUESTS:

James Stroup	Martha Cromwell	Teresa Sweetalla	Joseph Stine
Keith McQuaig	Alphonso Lamar	Mary Salter	David Pascarella

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Council President Pro Tem Patricia Vetter in Councilman Stokes absence, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Lt. McQuaig giving an invocation.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the August 7, 2025, meeting were reviewed by Council President Pro Tem Vetter. With no corrections or additions, Councilman Youmans made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented, and Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- The financial statement for August, 2025 was presented for review. Income exceeded Expense by \$8876 for the month. The deficit for the year remains in the red by \$44,380. This is due largely to \$20,000 maintenance expense, \$15,500 for repairs to the old bank building and right-of-way expense. Councilman Barnes made a motion that the report be approved as presented and Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Lt. McQuaig reported that Reddick is going well. There were 81 calls for service: 1 Baker act, 12 traffic stops, 5 assisting other agencies, 5 civil and 32 security checks. A flare gun was found at the 4500 block of NW 152nd Ln. and a lost wallet was found at Dollar General. There was nothing major to report. A guest inquired about speeding cars on NW 155th St. Lt. McQuaig stated it is an ongoing problem. They are aware but his problem is there is too much area to cover with too few deputies. Mrs. Salter inquired about the "gathering" next to her place. She states they are still parking on her property and there is a no trespass sign posted. The group is still gathering even with the no trespass sign and a fence. He suggested that she call when she sees them trespassing. He will also drive by on weekends.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

We have heard nothing concerning progress on the trailer with no permit on NW Hwy 316. They have split the parcel into two parcels, but have made no other progress. We have started a file and Mayor Vetter recommends we turn it over to the County for enforcement. Also, a letter is being sent to the green house on NW 155th.

ROADWORK AND MAINTENANCE:

Duke Energy repaired power lines on NW 155th and limbs have been picked up. Councilman Youmans also stated that the street and traffic signs need to be cleaned as they are becoming unreadable. She will make a list of signs that need attention. Cypress Road needs to be mowed and the right-of-way also needs mowing. Mrs. Stroup responded that she has talked with Squeekie Klean and they are finishing up their right-of-way mowing the next day.

STREET LIGHTS:

No street light have been reported out.

BASKETBALL COURTS:

- No new information at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMMUNITY CENTER:**
Councilman Sherman read the Rental Agreement to all present. Changes consisted of being able to cook in the center since new range hood was installed, adding a dumpster for trash thus eliminating taking off trash as they leave, new pricing for rental, and reviewing the schedule for Council. It has been set up on a 3-month rotation with Councilman Sherman taking the first rotation. Councilman Youmans made a motion to accept the new rental agreement and rotation schedule and Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- **INTERNET AND PHONE FROM SPECTRUM:**
Mayor Vetter shared that Spectrum revised their pricing when they realized it would be a commercial account. The cost would be more than we are currently paying to Windstream. He recommended we make no change at this time.
- **CLERK POSITION:**
Mrs. Stroup reported that she spoke with a resident who was interested in taking over the Clerk position. Her name is Teresa Sweetalla who lives on NW 152nd St. She has submitted her resumee which has been shared with all council members and the Mayor. If she is hired, she has agreed to the current salary and to working at the office 3 days a week and 15 hours per week. She has 30 year's experience working with Quickbooks and Mrs. Stroup has agreed to work with her on other duties until Jan. 31st which will include election qualifying. Mayor Vetter made an appointment recommendation that Mrs. Sweetalla be appointed to the clerk position effective October 1st, which is the beginning of the fiscal year. Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept Mayor Vetter's appointment recommendation and Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- **SHEDRIC GRAHAM REZONE OF PARCEL:**
Mr. Graham was not present. Tabled until next meeting.

- **EMERGENCY RESOLUTION WITH MARION COUNTY:**
Resolution 2025-001 was presented to Council. This Resolution would adopt the Marion County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and satisfy State mandate 180. Councilman Sherman made a motion that the Resolution be adopted and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- **2nd READING OF 25-26 FISCAL BUDGET:**
The 2nd presentation of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Budget for the Town of Reddick was discussed. The budget was adjusted from the 1st reading to account for a larger increase in liability insurance from Florida League of Cities. The original estimate for the new fiscal year was \$22,000, up from \$19,115.00 for fiscal 2024-2025. The actual cost has now been received and will be \$26,867.00. The allotment for the Community Center repairs and for the Old Reddick Bank Restoration Projects have been adjusted so that the total budget is still \$330,037.00. Councilman Sherman made a motion that the 2nd and final reading of the 2025-2026 budget of \$330,037.00 be accepted and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **REINDEER ROMP:**
Mr. Stroup who works for the Marion County Public Library addressed Council requesting a donation toward the Marion County Public Library Reindeer Romp event. In the past the Town has supported the event with water, chips, and occasionally hotdogs. This year, they would also like a monetary donation to go along with the usual water and chips donation. Councilman Sherman made a motion that the Town of Reddick make a monetary donation to the Marion County Public Library of \$525.00 and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- **DAVID PASCARELLA/REZONING:**
Mr. Pascarella owns a small parcel of .07 acres adjacent to the Old Reddick Bank. It was like to have it rezoned to allow him to put in a community garden as it is too small for anything else. Mayor Vetter declined to have the parcel rezoned because there was no zoning that would allow for his request and it would be a complicate process as we just finished the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Town in the past had made an offer to purchase the lot from Mr. Pascarella which he declined and had made a counter offer too exorbitant to consider. Mr. Pascarella stated he would consider an offer made in writing. Councilman Vetter made a recommendation that we table the request until the next meeting. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we table the rezoning request until next meeting and Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- **FREDERICK FRANKS REQUEST FOR EXERCISE CLASS IN COMMUNITY BLDG.**
Mr. Franks would like to start an exercise class for the community to be held in the community center for 1 ½ hrs. on Saturdays. Questions raised were: Insurance, who would instruct, who would sponsor, etc. Mrs. Stroup also reminded Council that we were now renting out the Community Center and Saturdays was when most events would take place. Mrs. Cromwell made a suggestion that they inquire of the Library as to a possible meeting place. It was decided that we would revisit the request next month when Mr. Franks could be present to answer questions.

- **CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

Mrs. Stroup made a suggestion concerning the checking account. Currently only one signature is required for checks. Since we are starting a new fiscal and a new clerk, now would be an opportune time for require two signatures on checks. This is an item that the auditors have mentioned before and it is just a matter of time before it will be required. Councilman Stokes is already on the account and she recommends that we add Councilman Vetter as the third signer. Councilman Sherman made a motion that we add Teresa Sweetalla and Patricia Vetter onto the checking account and remove Marjorie Stroup as of October 1st. Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent.

- **REDDICK PARK OPENING:**

Councilman Barnes asked about when the park will be opening. The ribbon cutting ceremony is September 24th. She commented that we already have a problem with people hanging out. She will call the County about problem and request a “No Trespass After Hours” sign. Councilman Youmans asked about when they will put in a basketball court. Mayor Vetter stated there is a basketball court beside tennis courts. Marion County Schools is planning on moving the fence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Marjorie Stroup, Town Clerk

John Vetter, Mayor