TOWN OF REDDICK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2025

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

PRESENT

John Vetter, Mayor

Patti Vetter, Council Pres. Pro Tem

Shirley Youmans, Councilman

Myra Sherman, Councilman Andrea Barnes, Councilman

Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

ABSENT: Nadine Stokes, Council President

GUESTS:

Dick Gerard Pam Gerard
Jospeh Stine Jim Stroup

Martha Cromwell Debrorah J. Herrington

Charessa Douglas

Michael White (Shelby Erectors)

Pam Gerard Steve Rogers
Jim Stroup Heather Stine

David Glynn Mary Salter Joe Perry Curtis Burns

Donny Darley Bob Law

George Stratton

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James & Gage Racz Matthew Hackell Anna Bergenstrable

Kim Law

Deputy Eric Owens

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Pro Tem Patti Vetter, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Myra Sherman giving an invocation.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Minutes of the October 2, 2025, meeting were reviewed by Council President Pro Tem Patti Vetter. With no corrections or additions, Councilman Myra Sherman made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented, and was seconded by Patti Vetter. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- The financial statement for October, 2025 was presented for review by Council Pres. Pro Tem Vetter. Income \$13,403.24, Expenses \$39,588.50, Expense exceeded Income by \$26,185.26 for the month, due to the Annual insurance payment of \$26,867.00 being due in October. The deficit for the year to date 11/01/2024 10/31/2025 remains in the red by \$68,223.10 with Income of \$221,374.08 and Expenses of \$289,597.18. Councilman Myra Sherman made a motion that the report be approved as presented and Councilman Shirley Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, with Councilman Stokes being absent, pending audit.

SHERIFF'S DEPT:

Deputy Eric Owens Lt. McQuaig reported that Reddick is doing well. He has been at the sheriff's office for 31 years. He was born and raised just outside Citra. He ran the drug unit and the task force. He will be doing the meetings through January, 2026. Big Changes of 40 – 50 positions at the Sheriff's office. They now have about 1,000 employees. He worked this area and did the reports about 11 years ago as well. He reported that there were more violations during that time period. He is replacing Lt. Keith McQuaig for the next 3 months as Lt. McQuaig has moved to a new position with the Sheriff's Dept. Judy Bowinkle will be taking over in 3 months. Deputy Owens will try to bring her to introduce to the Town for the upcoming December or January meeting. Report: 59 calls for service: 27 Building security checks, 5 traffic stops, 4 civils, 1 (911) hang-up, 1 trespass, 10 reports,

SHERIFF'S DEPT: Reports: Continued

1 Drug arrest, 3 theft, 6 inconclusive, 5 arrests with 3 being domestic violence and 2 being assaults. 1 Felony, 3 assists, 6 unclassified. There was nothing major to report. Mayor Vetter asked if something could be done about the speeding and people running the stop signs at the 4 way at the corner of 155th and 316, etc. Deputy Owns will send the traffic commander out.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Bob and Kim Law Violations: The Law's received their registered letter about their property located at 4168 NW 152nd Street, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06611-000-00. The letter was concerning the Trash in the front yard; inoperable and untagged Vehicles and the new Buildings being put on the property. Kim and Bob both addressed the council. Trash: Bob stated that the big clean up had started about 2 months ago. However, someone has been dumping trash on the back side of their property. Vehicles: Some vehicles have already moved and more are to be moved. Any Historical Vehicles are being restored and all tagged, this includes the limousine. They will be moving the less used vehicles and the RV to the back of the property as soon as they get the back sloped area leveled. Kim did point out the only reason that the Limo was not being used, is because the Town of Reddick tree guy Donnie Cassidy dropped a tree on the Limo. They are bringing in dirt & rock & installing a covering to house the vehicles. They have a non-profit business for which they are selling some vehicles for small trucks. Also, no one will be living in the RVs again. The last person caused problems and cost them money. New Buildings: Bob is 80 now, so time to stay home more. So the buildings will be the following: a writing retreat for Bob, a She shed for Kim, a playhouse for the grandchildren and a shed for storage and reunions. None of the new buildings have power run to them nor will they. Kim stated that they own the entire block so that if they divided the land out into 4 parcels, they could have 12 dwellings as they are zoned R2. However, Steve Rogers pointed out as the property sits now, it can only have 1 dwelling with 2 families like a duplex. Mayor Vetter suggested that they have 60 days to finish the clean up of trash and moving the extra Vehicles to the back. Bob asked for 90 days as thus far they have spent \$4,000.00 for tree removal and will need to come up with more money to fix the slope. Councilman Myra Sherman made the motion to grant 90 days and Shirley Youmans 2nd motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- Alexander Geribon: Violation: 2 mobiles on R1 property. The Geribon's were previously sent a registered letter in May of 2025. They were sent a new registered letter on 10/31/2025. They did not accept either registered letter as of this meeting date. The letters were in reference to their property located at 14990 NW 48th Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06996-000-00 and #06996-000-001. Clerk - T. Sweetalla noted that neither letter had been signed for, as well as mentioning that the mother had contacted the office asking for a permit to move the small mobile from the property that already contains a mobile home to the 2nd vacant property to do their repairs, as the small mobile did not pass a recent inspection. Mayor Vetter suggested that this one be turned over to the county. This decision was made as Mayor Vetter and Councilman Myra Sherman have both visited the property separately on multiple occasions and spoken with the property owners about the situation. The Geribon's were told to separate the property so that the mobile could be moved to the vacant lot and the 2nd mobile would need an inspection. They did separate the property. However they put the small mobile to the property already containing the original mobile home. Kim Law asked if they can't just get the permit to move the small mobile to the 2nd property. She also stated that their non-profit would be glad to assist in making sure that the repairs are done in a timely manner. As County Policy 2.1.1 states that the town shall co-ordinate to help low Income families. Mayor Vetter stated that they sold their property/home in Miami and that he did not believe that they were a

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Alexander Geribon – Violation (continued)

- low-income family and that they must still comply with Reddick Plans and it does not look like they intend to work with the Town, so that it should be turned over to the county. He also stated that the small mobile was bought under the circumstances that it had to be immediately after the purchase. Councilman Myra Sherman made the motion to turn it over to Marion County. Councilman Andrea Barnes mad a 2nd motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- Winston Brewster: Violation: Damaged Home is unlivable, Trash and Debris in yard, This home was damaged in 2023. The property is located at 4205 NW 154th Street, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06542-001-00. The property is registered to WROC World Resolution Ctre Church of God, Winston Brewster, Tr. Mr. Brewster has given us a report from a structural engineer dated 12/4/2024. The letter states that the home is structurally heavily damaged including the roof, the porch, interior floors, electric wiring, floor coverings, exterior wall structure and finishes and trims. We also have an "Unsafe Building Check List" report from Marion County dated 12/13/2023, stating that the property was unsafe and unsanitary prior to September, 2023. Mr. Brewster was sent a letter from the Town of Reddick in April, 2025, stating that he needed to clean up the property and do something about the dilapidated house. Mayor Vetter stated that some of the trash had been cleaned up since April and that some of the trees and some grass had been cut to some degree in the time period since the April, 2025 letter. However, Mr. Brewster was not sent a letter in October along with the other violators. He will be sent a letter in November to see if he can comply before his violation is turned over to the county. Councilman Pres. Pro Tem Patti Vetter made a motion to hold for another month until letter is sent. Myra Sherman 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.

ROADWORK AND MAINTENANCE: Report by Councilman Shirley Youmans

- (1) At the corner of 44th Avenue road and 157th by Club Charmant the asphalt is broken out in the corner is rough on cars. 44th Avenue Road is a county road.
- (2) NW 155th by the sign by Dollar General, tree limbs covering road signs.
- (3) NW 157th and 48th Avenue. Lots of litter and trash is being dumped along the road and the road is overgrown with Mulberry bushes. Mayor Vetter stated that a couple thousand dollars had been allotted for Road Maintenance and that he would give Councilman Youman Michael Henderson's phone number to see what he will charge for the bush clean up. If Michael can't clean up the bushes, then Mayor Vetter will call Jason Perry. Andrea Barnes stated that Marion County works did have clean up crews coming out that were on probation, but they shut the program down for the area because each time they got to 44th avenue the same residence would harass the workers. Coundilman Andrea Barnes suggested a Community Clean Up Day, Steve Rogers suggested Co-ordinating with the county to get their help as they have in the past with a few dumpsters; and the town should dffer an amnesty day for anyone that wants to clean up their yards and put in the dumpsters as well. Kim Law will work with Councilman Youmans and Councilman Barries to get the people from Community Services to help with the work. She recently got a call from them to help with her non-profit as they need things to do. Councilman Barnes also works with the County and will see what other programs can be utilized to get the clean up done. Kim Law has a video of the guy that was dumping on their property. The Sherrif's dept. came out and found a name on the mail in the trash. The Gerards cleaned up some of it as well. It was new food from the town's food bank. Clerk Sweetalla also mentioned that people had also been dumping the food bank food in the Dollar General Dumpsters.

STREET LIGHTS:

- (1) Corner of 154th & 40th (Mayor Vetter called it in, It has been repaired)
- (2) Street light by Councilman Youmans house

(3) 152st & 41st Street light blinking by the cemetery

- (4) Hwy 316 & 42nd by stop sign going to Hwy 316 blinking, flicker and goes off and will eventually come back on. No one had any of the pole numbers. Clerk Teresa asked that they please get both numbers off of the poles and the exact problem, so that they can all be reported to Duke. Councilman will discuss further next month.
- *The light located near the corner of 154th & 42nd street that stayed on all the time was called in last month and it has been repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SHEDRIC GRAHAM REZONE OF PARCEL: Mr. Graham picked up the 2 letters needed for the county on Monday October 6, 2025. One to Duke Power to get a meter put on the already existing power pole for the Parcel #06452-000-00 located at 15620 NW 44th Avenue Rd., Reddick, FL 32686. They want this location is to be a trucking company; however it is zoned R1. The second letter was for the Parcel #6436-000-00. This parcel does not show an address, but it is located beside the Dollar General in Reddick. This letter is to the DMV for the town's approval for a mobile home / auto dealership with the focus on Tiny Homes to be placed there, provided all zoning laws, set-backs, permits and inspections are followed. Not at meeting tonight.
 - FREDERICK FRANKS EXERCISE CLASS REQUEST: Mr. Franks was not present.
 - BASKETBALL COURTS:

No new information at this time per Mayor Vetter, so he is going to table the agenda for now. Dr. Sarah James has still not responded about moving the fence from the basketball court near the tennis courts. At the Reddick Park opening Ms. James that the county was going to deed the Basket Ball courts to the Town of Reddick, but she has not reached out to let him know when.

 WIND PHONE: Mayor Vetter tabling wind phone until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

• SHELBY ERECTORS – MICHAEL WHITE (VP OF OPERATIONS) – FENCE INSTALLATION: This property is located at 3975 W. Hwy 316, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06527-005-00. They are installing a fence to utilize more of their property. However, their property line runs through the middle of the dirt road located on 43rd Avenue. It is the dirt road where the Rail Road tracks use to be. They would only close a small portion of the dirt road, but they want to work with the city to do what makes everyone happy. Mayor Vetter asked Steve Rogers and Jim Stroup what they knew about the property on the west side of the dirt road. They both said that the Rail Road company gave 60' to Shelby Erectors and the other 60' to the Town of Reddick. Mr. White said that they have heavy equipment on site and can certainly cut the road into the property that the Rail Road company deeded to the Town of Reddick so that there could still be through traffic as Mr. Stroup said that Florida Express would still need to be able to the trash pick up for the 2 homes that would access their houses from the Hwy 316 side. The trash collections trucks come into the road about 100' – 150' off of Hwy 316. The other neighbors connected to the outskirts of the dirt road (Pam Gerard and Kim Law) both stated

SHELBY ERECTORS – continued:

that they would not mind at all if the dirt road was no longer a through road as the police have to come often to clear the road. Mr. White stated that even though they got a survey done when they purchased the property, they were currently in the process of getting another survey before they cut into the road. Mayor Vetter stated that it was their property and they should be able to close the road. Mayor Vetter asked Mr. White to call him once the new survey is done and they can get together about either cutting a go around onto the Town's property or closing the dirt road all together. Mayor Vetter gave his contact information to Mr. White

- TOWN OF REDDICK FLOODING: An attendee that has moved into the community more recently asked if the Town has flooding problems as the other parts of Florida do when the hurricanes come. Both Jim Stroup and Steve Rodgers were able to answer that it had been about 11 years since any flooding in some areas, but never in the streets. The previously flooded areas have not flooded since the retainage ponds were put in near the library and elementary school
- <u>COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS</u>: One person rented the community center in October. We have received a call about a November rental, but that person's phone will not currently take calls. There was a new rental form to be reviewed for the meeting.
- COMMUNITY CENTER OFFICE REQUESTS:
 - (1) Spectrum Mayor Vetter will call and dissolve the contract.
 - (2) Community Center supplies have already been budgeted for, but the council needs a review what needs to be or has been purchased.
 - (A) Office door look and office closet light fixture both replaced in October.
 - (B) Wet Vacuum. It has been requested that Florence Williams wax the Community Center floors since it is now being rented again. She needs a good Wet Vac to get up the access water.
 - (C) New Fax Machine needed.
 - (D) <u>Microsoft 365</u> for the office computer needed. Steve Rodgers said we have Geek Squad on retainer. Teresa will call them about an appointment to add the program.
 - (E) Toilet Tablets needed in bathrooms. Teresa bought some. We will see how they work.
 - (F) Water Filtration System desired by Councilman Sherman. See below.
 - (G) Wells Fargo Credit or Debit Card proving to be impossible to get. No Debit card for a government municipality and currently no Credit Cards being issued to any Government entities. Mayor Vetter said to move on from Wells Fargo and go to a local credit union to open a checking account and get whatever is the best offer, either limited debit or credit cards that they will give us; or we could try with one of our other Banks or Investment firms that we deal with already. Try specifically with Renasant Bank, Millenium Bank or Raymond James Investments. Councilman Sherman did question who would have the cards. Mayor Vetter and Councilman Patti Vetter informed her that it would be the ones that were already having to make purchases and get reimbursed. Those people are currently Mayor John Vetter, Council Pres. Pro Tem Patricia Vetter and Town Clerk Teresa J. Sweetalla. Also, any large \$ items would still have to be approved by the council. Teresa will find out what the current banks and credit unions offer this month.
 - (H) 2nd Monitor needed for the office computer for work to be done as efficiently as possible
 - (I) 4th Check Signer. We would like to add Councilman Andrea Barnes. Councilman Sherman suggested we speak with Councilman President Stokes to see if she can be more available to sign the new 2 signature checks. If she could not then we should take Councilman Stokes off of the accounts and add Councilman Barnes, so that there would remain only three signers instead of four.

- (J) <u>Community Center Rental Forms -Revised</u>. The form added the councilmen as the persons to do the after-rental inspections and took Ms. Stroup from the form and added some clarifications in some other areas of the form.
 - ** Most of the items were discussed and approved. 4th check signer tabled until the next meeting. The Wet Vacuum purchase got skipped over in all of the lengthy discussions.
- WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilman Myra Sherman suggested that we get a water filtration system for the community center to filter out the iron and sulfur from the water. She had "Universal Waters" come by and look at our water pipes and provide a quote. They have quoted \$1,345.75. They stated that it is an easy install, it will be a permanent filter have 2 tanks but no softener. To add the softener would bring the price up into the \$5,000 plus mark. The filter replacement parts would be a re-occurring cost. Councilman Barns made the motion to purchase the system. Councilman Youman's 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Stokes being absent.
- <u>DeConna Ice Cream Ribbon Cutting Ceramony & Lunch, Tue 11/18/2025 at 11:00 AM</u>
 This was discussed by the Mayor and Councilman, but no-one made a real commitment to be there. Councilman Sherman said that she would try and get someone to go and represent the town.
- Support for Jamaica: Councilman Myra Sherman informed everyone that her church, Reddick Church of God, is shipping supplies to the parts of Jamaica that were damaged by the recent storm. They are shipping to the St. Francis and St. Catherine's areas. They are boxing everything up on Sunday 11/16/2025 and shipping everything out on Monday 11/17/2025 or Wednesday 11/19/2025. The most needed items are water, pop top canned food items, over the counter medications, baby diapers, adult diapers, cloths. The collection drive is at the Reddick Church of God. Kim Law suggested that we add the information to the Reddick Community Center Billboard. On Friday, November 7th, Patti Vetter put the information on the Billboard sign in front of the Community Center. The information includes Councilman Sherman's phone number.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Approved:

John Vetter, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk