

## REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026 – 7:00 PM – FINAL DRAFT

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

**PRESENT:**

John Vetter, Mayor	Shirley Youmans, Councilman (late arrival)
Nadine Stokes, Council President	Andrea Barnes, Councilman
Patti Vetter, Council Pres. Pro Tem	Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk
Myra Sherman, Councilman	

**GUEST:**

Cody Albright	David Glynn	Joe Perry
Virginia Goodson	Reverend Winston Brewer	Deborah J. Herrington
Cynthia Davis	Dru Lucia Roia	Matt Hackett
James Racz	Anna Bergenstrable	Curtis Burns
Kathryn Jones	Kathryn Sherwood	Jacob Sherwood
Jake Sherwood	Warren Sherwood	Brian & Cathy Kuhl
Bob Law	Pastor Fondale Evans	Alphonso Lamar
Martha Cromwell	Lieutenant Julie Vowinkel	

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

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

- Minutes of the December 4th, 2025, meeting were reviewed by Council Pres Pro Tem Patti Vetter, with no corrections or additions. Councilman Pres Pro Tem Patti Vetter made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrea Barnes as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent for this part of the meeting.
- The financial statement for December, 2025 was presented for review by Council Pres. Pro Tem Patti Vetter. Income - \$12,515.45, Expenses - \$41,359.44. Expenses exceeded income by \$28,843.99. The year to date 12/01/2024 – 11/30/2025 Income was \$214,427.89, with the Expenses being \$291,699.03. leaving the deficit for the year to be \$77,271.14. Councilman Myra Sherman made a motion that the report be approved as presented, pending audit and Council Pres Pro Tem Patti Vetter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent for this part of the meeting.

**SHERIFFS DEPT:**

- Lieutenant Julie Volwinkle, the new Sheriff's Dept. Commander of the Town of Reddick, reported the following: Calls for Service -0-, Traffic Stops – 4 with 1 arrest for possession of cocaine, Building Security Checks - 13, 911 hang ups - 2, Civils - 1, AOA's -0-, Traffic Citations – 5, Reports -0-, Security Concerns -0-, Traffic CRA's -1, Assists -3, Domestic's -2, All – 3; Suspicious incidents -2; Suspicious -1.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- **Geribon Properties:** 14990 NW 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06996-000-00 & #06996-000-01. At the December meeting it was decided that the mobile home in question should be moved off the property to be repaired to pass inspection. The Geribon's were not at the January meeting. The mobile home in question was still on the property at Mayor Vetter's last drive by. Council president Stokes suggested that the council follow process to have the mobile removed. Mayor Vetter to get with Clerk Sweetalla to do a letter for the County. Mayor Vetter will get with Robin at Marion County about the process. Motion made by Councilman Pres. Pro Tem Vetter & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Sherman being absent for this part of the meeting..
- **Brewster Property:** 4205 NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06542-001-00. This has been an ongoing issue since the fall of 2023. Mr. Brewster stated that he would have the roof repaired by the end of 2025, to stop the issue being turned over to Marion County. Mr. Brewster was present at the January meeting. He stated that the "safety issues were addressed and that the construction issues were being address, but nothing had been done regarding construction of roof since the December meeting. Mr. Brewster said that they haven't removed the trees because of underground cables and the damage that it may do to the city's roads. Mayor Vetter told him to call 811 about the underground cables and they would mark them. Next issue for Mr. Brewster is the insurance company. Mayor Vetter let Mr. Brewster know that he was not compliant with what he said he would do, so we are done negotiating. Motion to take action through Marion County was made by Council Pres Pro Tem Patti Vetter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Myra Sherman. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Sherman being absent at this part of the meeting.

**ROADWORK AND STREET MAINTENANCE: \*Councilman Shirley Youmans arrived in time for this**

- Bushes still need cut around street signs. Especially at the corner of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 155<sup>th</sup> Street per Councilman Youman. Councilman Andrea Barnes got crews to clean up 155<sup>th</sup> Street since the December meeting, but they did not clean up on 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue due to the problems with the residents and the people doing the cleaning from the jails. Councilman Youmans spoke with the residents in the neighborhood on 155<sup>th</sup> Street about doing the

Volunteer Clean UP Crew. They said that they would participate, they just need a date. Councilman Barnes spoke with Lacey Latimore at the Solid Waste Department and can schedule 40-yard dumpsters delivered when she gets a date from Councilman Youmans. The last time this was done, the dumpsters were placed in the lot across from the Community Center. Councilman Barnes, also said that she can have the bags picked up and brought to the dumpsters if they can be placed on 46<sup>th</sup> street by the volunteers. The residents at the meeting were very happy about the work that Perry Hill Bulldozing and Duke Energy had done with the tree trimming and roadway clearing during the period of 12/08 – 12/16/2025. Mayor Vetter let everyone know that he did call around for pricing and Jason Perry's company was still the cheapest. Council President Stokes suggested that if price or payment becomes a problem then we can do fund raisers. Councilman Youmans will do a letter to residents about the Volunteer day when she picks a date.

- The Street light at 15350 NW 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was given by Council President Nadine Stokes. There is no pole number available. Also, there is a blinking street light near the Law's home. Both were called in to Duke Energy. No other new street light problems.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Basketball Courts:** We received the paperwork back from the Attorney. All approved and signed and delivered to the School Board for their signatures. There was no increase to add the Basketball Courts to the current insurance policy. They will look at it again when the policy renews in September 2026. The **Tennis Courts** should also be revitalized by the beginning of the next school term. Ms. Margie got a call from Dale Hall one of the teachers from North Marion High School. He wanted to know if the Girls Tennis Team could practice at the Reddick Tennis Courts and how they could schedule the sessions instead of having to go to the Coehadjoe Park in Ocala to practice. Ms. Margie said that the courts are already accessible as the locks are broken. The council said that of course they could practice there, but it would be on a first come first service type of situation.
- **Spectrum:** Still reviewing contracts. Table this subject until all read.
- **Renasant Bank:** Everything has been signed for the new bank account. We have the new account number, but the Clerk did not order any checks yet as the bank's Legal department just let us know that they will not honor 2 party checks. We will check into other banks again at this point. We will continue to pursue the town credit card through Renasant Bank. Clerk to reach out to the Florida League of Cities to get their list of banks to use of municipalities. Councilman Pres. Pro Tem Vetter made a motion that the new banking be put on hold until we have new information on additional banks. Councilman Youmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Shelby Erectors, Inc.:** 3975 W. Hwy 316, Reddick, FL 32686. Mayor Vetter has called Mr. Jackson Nix, but has not received a return call. The road is still open as they continue with their work on their property and the road.
- **Jamaica Drive #2:** Councilman Sherman state that they flew someone over on 1-07-2026 with one of the loads of the items to escort them to the proper drop area. They have run out of Rice and Sugar and will continue to do the drive and will be sending more of these more needed items. The Military is there to escort the deliveries because of the theft of certain items.
- **Educational Programs and Badges:** Councilman Stokes has spoken with Deconna Ice Cream Company Representative about doing a solar presentation. They will come when we set it up for us. She is also still checking into the other educations programs and the badges.
- **Auto Repair Dealership:** 15015 NW Gainesville Road (25 A), Reddick, FL 32686 (6) parcels. Parcel #06625-000-00 thru #06627-000-00 & #06634-000-00 thru #06636-000-00. They are still working on the properties. A question was raised about the storage of the old tires. They will store them in a large truck Conex and dispose of them weekly. They still plan to fill in the hole and make a larger parking lot.
- **Guidelines for Chad Sweetalla Work for Reddick:** It had previously been decided that any work that Chad did for the community Center for \$500 and under would not need additional approval. But this was done prior to his wife, Teresa Sweetalla becoming the town Clerk. The Council voted to keep the \$500 in place for the Community Center and that \$1,000 be put in place for the old Bank owned by the town. A motion was made by Councilman Sherman to keep the amounts the same and any jobs exceeding those amounts will be reviewed by the council. Councilman Pres Pro Tem Vetter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously with all in favor. And no one being absent at this point.
- **Other Items Discussed:** 1.
  1. **Clerk Position Items:** If she has to leave town for Family Events, etc. She can check the phones remotely and will take a Town laptop with her to check the emails and web-site as well. When she is on Vacation, she can just put a sign in the Window as to when she will be back and she doesn't have to check phone and web-site when on vacation.
  2. **Reindeer Romp** at Reddick Library, Saturday, 12/20/2025, went well. There had to be at least 100 – 200 attendees. There were lots of booths, prizes, food and give aways.
  3. **Florida Ethics Class**, The 4-hour class for Council & Clerk to took place Wednesday, 12/17/2025. All need to turn in their certificates for the class completion. Ms. Youman's was sick during the 17<sup>th</sup>, but can still take the class on-line in January.
  4. **Council Seat Elections:** The Election Qualifying is January 27 Tuesday at Noon till January 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday at Noon. The Vetter's will not be re-running. The positions available are the Mayor (John Vetter) and Councilman Seat #4 (Shirley Youmans), Councilman Seat #5 (Nadine Stokes).

**Continued #4:** Councilman Patti Vetter read and turned in her resignation letter. The Mayor recommended that Martha Cromwell be placed Councilman Vetter's position. A motion was made by Councilman Sherman to appointment Martha Cromwell into the position. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Youman's. None opposed, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Vetter swore in Martha Cromwell and she sat in for Councilman Pres Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting. Currently Information has been posted on the community center sign, the Library, the Angel Store, the Pharmacy, the Reddick and Lowell Post Offices, and the Lowell Circle K.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Florence Williams:** Ms. Williams needs to know how much the waxing of the floor will pay, as she needs to hire someone to help her. The council asked Clerk Sweetalla to find out what Ms. Williams will need to do the waxing. She also want to know if we can purchase new paper towel holders for the bathrooms. Clerk Sweetalla priced some from Atsides Restaurant Supply (plastic - \$49 each) napkins for \$59. Then Restaurant Depot (plastic for \$58 and napkins \$30 each). The council asked if Clerk Sweetalla would check the napkin holder prices at the Janitorial Company as well and get whichever is the best deal. No vote needed as funds are already allotted for office supplies, etc. Also check with Walton Brothers (Janitorial Supply) near Ross's
- **Renasant CD Renewal:** The CD for \$59,343.84 matures 1-15-2026. The current interest rate is 3.954 % and will go for the term of 150 days (about 5 months). It was agreed to renew at the offered rate as it is a good rate per Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell.
- **Check Funds:** The funds in the main account are low due to how much has been spent since September. It was agreed to move \$75,000, the Motion was made by Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Shirley Youmans. All in favor, none opposed. \$75,00 was moved by Raymond James to the Wells Fargo checking account.
- **BMAP (Basin Management Action Plan):** Councilman President Nadine Stokes let everyone know that we are not currently in compliance with the Florida BMAP department. After the meeting Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell found the previous BMAP compliance provided to her from the when she had her previous council position. The information was provided to Councilman Cromwell from Steve Gibbons with the St. Johns Water Management Department. The information was forwarded to Council President Nadine Stokes and she turned it in to the BMAP department and we are now in compliance.
- **Ramsey Gas Permit letter:** For improvements to the Church of God, located at 15670 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick, FL 32686. Clerk Sweetalla to compose a permission letter for them. The work is for a tankless propane water heater for their Baptismal Pool. Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell made the motion to give them the letter, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council President Nadine Stokes. All in favor, none opposed.

- **Community House Rentals:** Three requests for January (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>), and two for February (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>). However, only one has paid. It was for the January 10<sup>th</sup> rental.
- **New Retailer in old Tiz Wiz:** Cody Albright spoke, he has lived in the area for 33 years. He bought the old Tiz Wiz property. He will be putting up a smaller metal warehouse about 40' x 60'. He will be selling a variety of products and would like suggestions from the community as to what else to sell. If the Retails business does not make it, Mr. Albright will run his construction company from the location. He will also need a letter from Reddick for the county to start construction of the new warehouse. Clerk Sweetalla should be able to get the needed letter ready for Mr. Albright.
- **The Sherwood's to a build shop at their Residence:** Jacob Sherwood also spoke concerning Parcel #06583-000-00 located at 15220 NW 41<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Reddick, FL 32686. He and his wife (Kate) want to build a detached shop on the West side of their home. The Mayor suggested that he draw up some site plans for the town's records and we will get him the setback information and a permissions letter from the city of Reddick for the county, so that they can obtain their Marion County permit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Approved –

Nadine Stokes, Council President

Nadine Stokes

Respectfully submitted –

Teresa J. Sweetalla -Town Clerk

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