

## REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026 – 7:00 PM – D2 -Final

Reddick Town Council met in regular session on Thursday - February 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Community Building.

### PRESENT: (6)

Nadine Stokes, Council President

Martha Cromwell, Council Pres. Pro Temp

Myra Sherman, Councilman

Shirley Youmans, Councilman

Andrea Barnes, Councilman

Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

### GUEST: (16)

Joe Perry

Deborah J. Herrington

Matt Hackett

James Racz

Brian & Cathy Kuhl

Bob & Kim Law

Alphonso Lamar

Dick & Pam Gerard

Charessa Douglas

Donny Darley

Cherry Noel

Lucy Ward

Steve Rodgers

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

### MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

- Minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting were reviewed by Council President Nadine Stokes, with no corrections or additions. Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Myra Sherman as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- The financial statement for January, 2026 was presented for review by Council Pres. Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. January -- Income - \$14,312.09, Expenses - \$12,564.10 making a Profit of \$1,747.99. The year to date 1/31/2025 – 1/31/2026 Income was \$213,959.13, with the Expenses being \$275,423.28. leaving the deficit for the year to be \$61,464.15 Councilman Shirley Youmans made a motion that the report be approved as presented, pending audit and Councilman Myra Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### SHERIFFS DEPT:

- Lieutenant Julie Volwinkle, was absent as her mother is seriously ill. She emailed the report to Clerk Sweetalla: 911 Calls – 1 / Alarms – 1 / Assist other Agency – 9 / Security Checks – 23 / Civil Incidents – 2 / Domestic Disturbances – 2 / Suspicious Incidents – 3 / Traffic Stops – 12

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- **Geribon Properties:** 14990 NW 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06996-000-00 & #06996-000-01. Not at Meeting
- **Brewster Property:** 4205 NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06542-001-00. Not at Meeting.

Councilman President Nadine Stokes will be getting in touch with Robin Hough at Marion County to see what our next steps of action should be. Councilman Myra Sherman stated that she and her husband have been waiting 1 ½ months for a Marion County permit for a drain system. She was told that all Marion County permitting was being sent to Tallahassee.

- **Law Property:** 4168 NW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Reddick, FL 32686, Parcel #06611-000-00. Kim & Bob spoke. They haven't finished their front yard clean-up of the vehicles as some of the wheels have locked from sitting so long. Their mechanics wife (Sonya) is in the hospital in ICU. They requested some more time to complete their tasks. Councilman Myra Sherman suggested 90 more days and made the motion to make this action. Councilman Andrea Barnes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROADWORK AND STREET MAINTENANCE:** Councilman Shirley Youmans is getting in touch with the neighbors in the area of the corner of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 155<sup>th</sup> Street about a clean-up date.

**STREET LIGHTS:** Council President Nadine Stokes stated that there have been none reported. None were reported to the office either.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Basketball Courts:** We received the completed paperwork back from Marion Co. Schools.
2. **Tennis Courts:** The tennis courts have been being used for the past several weeks.
3. **Renasant Bank:** We received the Renasant credit card on February 3, 2026
4. **Another Bank:** Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to Florida League of Cities to get a bank that will work with municipalities and do 2 signature checks. No word back yet. When the information is received, Clerk Sweetalla is to find out about the items discussed previously for municipalities (Availability of Debit and Credit Cards, and 2 signature checks).
5. **Shelby Erectors, Inc.:** 3975 W. Hwy 316, Reddick, FL 32686. Council President Nadine Stokes will be reaching out to them concerning the road by their property
6. **Elections:** The only persons that ran for the (3) open positions were as follows: 1. Myra Sherman for Mayor. 2. Nadine Stokes for Seat #5 and 3. Shirley Youmans for Seat #4. According to the Marion County Elections Board, there will be no need for an election as none of the Candidates are being opposed. Per the Board's direction a letter has been sent to the Election Commission in Tallahassee stating that there

- would be no election. The new “swearing in” will be at the May Town Meeting, when the new candidates will take their new positions and a vote will be placed by the Council as to whom the new President and the President Pro Tem will be. At that time, the new Mayor (Myra Sherman) will also recommend a new candidate for her old position (Seat #2). The new council will vote on the recommendation for the position.
7. **BMAP (Basin Management Action Plan):** Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell located our previous plan provided to her by Steven Fitzgibbons of the St. John River Water Management Dept. The plan was forwarded to Council President Nadine Stokes who got the plan turned in to bring us into compliance. Councilman President Stokes says that there is new information to be reviewed on the plan about Fertilizers in the water basin and about the Septic Systems in Reddick. She will check into these items further.
  8. **Ramsey Gas:** Their permission letter was composed, emailed and the original was mailed for them to obtain their Marion Co. Permit for improvement for the Church of God, located at 15670 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick, FL 32686. This permit is for the tankless water heater for the Baptismal.
  9. **Cody Albright:** His permission letter was composed, but has not been delivered as Clerk Sweetalla has not found anyone at the location after work nor does she have his phone number nor email address. There is also no mail receptacle found at the old Tiz Wiz location to mail the letter there and no one has called, come by nor emailed the Reddick office requesting the letter. Ms. Martha will try to reach out to him at church. Donnie Darley gave Clerk Sweetalla Mr. Albrights phone number.
  10. **Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.:** Council President Nadine Stokes is still checking into these items. She reached out to Marion County about the Cell Tower, but they have not provided any information thus far. Some of the attendees (James Racz and Steve Rodgers) commented that you generally have to be within 5 miles of the tower or have a smaller tower near by for the signal to bounce off of. Hopefully, we can get someone to place a smaller tower in the middle of the Town of Reddick on one of the Town’s properties.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Community House Rentals:** Requests are as follows -February (8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>). April (11<sup>th</sup> - deposit paid) (18<sup>th</sup>), May (17<sup>th</sup>), October (31st). Martha Cromwell will take over Former Councilman Patti Vetter’s months. Council President Nadine Stokes is switching months with Councilman Shirley Youmans. New Schedule to be as follows for 2026: (Jan – March) - Andrea Barnes; (April - June) – Shirley Youmans; (July - Sept) – Martha Cromwell; (Oct - Dec) – Nadine Stokes.

2. **Council President Pro Tem:** Martha Cromwell has brought it to our attention that the Council President Pro Tem is a position that is elected by the council as well as the Presidential position. Martha wanted to know if the council wanted her to maintain the position until the elected May positions change and are revoted on or if they would prefer to do a re-vote now for the remaining 4-month period. Councilman Myra Sherman suggested the action that Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell maintain the position until the new voting in May. Councilman Shirley Youmans made the motion to approve and Councilman President Nadine Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted unanimously to approve.
3. **Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Services Ministries:** On 2/4/2026, we received a call from Jessica Vega from Interfaith Ministries. They would like to restart the Drive-Thru Food Pantry in the parking area for the Old School in front of the Library and Reddick/Collier Elementary. However, there are big holes in the parking lot that they would prefer were filled in to avoid any damage to anyone's vehicles. Clerk Sweetalla thought that the property was owned by the Town of Reddick, but she was mistaken. Ms. Vega has been provided with the Marion Co. School Board information. The Council was all in agreement that they would like to have the Food Bank back in Town and available to the residents if the school board can accommodate the issues with the parking lot.
4. **U.S. Census Bureau:** We received an email February 5<sup>th</sup> from the census bureau stating that they will be doing Boundary & Annexation Surveys to be used in funding and the next Census taking. It is voluntary to participate, but they are asking for our co-operation in their project. The council decided that they would like more information on the project before participating. Clerk Sweetalla will check into this further.
5. **Florida League of Cities:** We received an email from them 2/5/26 concerning 14 different Training Classes available over the next 8 months. There are no charges to take the classes. The council will look at the list and decide if they want to attend any of the classes.
6. **Reddick Days:** The first week of February, one of our residences inquired about a day to be set aside for the Reddick residences to gather at the community house for a Pot-Luck Dinner or Grilling "Get to Know Your Neighbor Day" before it gets too hot again. The Attendees and Council all really like the idea. They believe that a Committee should be formed by the residents of Reddick to organize the event. No one volunteered or was appointed to head the committee and there was much discussion to pin down a date. It was decided between April and May, but after Easter (4/05/2026). All of the Saturdays in April have already been requested for rentals. There are 4 Saturdays left in May, this excludes 5/23/2026. The motion to have Reddick Day was made by Councilman Andrea Barnes with Councilman Shirley Youmans making the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. The motion carried unanimously. The date and committee will be discussed further during the March meeting. It was also suggested to have a running time period, like the Reindeer Romp (Noon till 2pm). That way, people can come and go without everyone having to be there at a certain time.

7. **Community Center Decorations:** Ms. Lucy has decorations for all of the holidays and has been decorating the Community Center since 1982. She has taken the Christmas tree down and decorated for Valentine's day for February and will continue to decorate as the seasons and holidays change. The Council decided that no vote was necessary and agreed that Ms. Lucy should continue decorating. Cassie Ward did Valentines candies and cards for the Council and candies for the attendees as she has done for years. All sent a verbal "Thank You" to Cassie.
- **Other Items Discussed:**
    1. **Reddick Christmas Parade:** Councilman Shirley Youman's asked about the Christmas Parade. Her daughters and grandchildren wanted to know why the town no longer has a Parade. Council President Nadine Stokes recalled that the reason was 'Lack of Participation". Ms. Lucy Ward (an attendee) also added that Reddick use to have "Horse & Buggy Days" as well. However, :Lack of participation" also stopped that event. Maybe if we could get some of the younger residents of the community to attend the meetings they could take up the reigns and form committees to bring some of these events back. We know that the Reindeer Romp has had an excellent turn out over the past few years.
    2. **Summer in the Park:** it was suggested that we have an "Ice Cream Day" in the park. Maybe this would be a good start to see what the participation will be for these smaller events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. Attendees stayed and helped put away the chairs as the Community Center was being rented the following Saturday.

Approved –  
Nadine Stokes, Council President



Respectfully submitted –  
Teresa J. Sweetalla -Town Clerk

