

REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2026 – 7:00 PM – D2 -Final

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

1. **Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation by: Pastor Myra D. Sherman**

PRESENT: (6)

Nadine Stokes, Council President
Myra Sherman, Councilman
Andrea Barnes, Councilman

Martha Cromwell, Council Pres. Pro Temp
Shirley Youmans, Councilman
Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

GUEST: (10)

Joe Perry
James Racz
Guage Racz

Deborah J. Herrington
Brian Kuhl
Dick Gerard

Lucy Ward
Bob & Kim Law
Virginia Goodson

The 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.

2. **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting were reviewed by Council President Nadine Stokes, with no corrections or additions. Councilman Myra Sherman made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented and was 2nd by Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **TRESURE'S REPORT:** The financial statement for February, 2026 was presented for review by Council Pres. Pro Tem Martha Cromwell for the month of February and the YTD.

February Income - \$11,910.19, Expenses - \$12,786.24 making a deficit of \$876.05.

YTD: 2/29/2025 – 2/28/2026 Income was \$190,119.68, Expenses \$264,112.85 = deficit of \$73,993.17

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.

4. **SHERIFFS DEPT:** Lieutenant Julie Volwinkle

911 Calls – 2 / Alarms – 1 / Medical - 1 / Building Security Checks – 29 / Civil Incidents – 1 / Citations – 1 (loose horse) / Trespass – 1

5. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Council President Nadine Stokes

A. **Geribon** -Nothing new. To be turned over to Marion County.

B. **Brewster** -Nothing new. To be turned over to Marion County.

*Council President Nadine Stokes got with Robin Hough at Marion County about the process that we need to take. Robin sent a history report on these two and is awaiting further information from Ryan Arbuckle with the County.

C. **Law** -Nothing new. They were given a 90 extension in February. This will carry them to May, 2026

6. ROAD WORK / STREET MAINTENANCE: Councilman Shirley Youmans.

- A. Trash Pick-up:** Councilman Youmans spoke with groups on the west side of Reddick about the trash pick-up day. They will use 5-gallon buckets and trash pick-up sticks for the process. They will be cleaning both sides 155th and 157th street. They will do on a Saturday, when Councilman Youmans has taken care of the details and when there is good weather. Councilman Youmans will let the office know the date, so that we can put the information on the Town Billboard.
- B.** Councilman Youmans also asked about cleaning the bushes around the traffic signs again. This was done by Jason Perry's crew in December but it needs done again. It was included in all of the other work by Jason at the time. This is not work that Squeekie Clean (Michael Henderson) does when they mow the right of ways. Councilman Youmans will need to get 3 or more quotes/bids to hire someone to keep the bushes cut back from the street signs. The vendors that should be contacted are Grady Stafford, Jason Perry, Michael Henderson and Daniels Landscape. They should also include separately in their bids to pick up the tree limb debris that is left when the mowing is done. Also one of the attendees (James Racz) suggested that we get all of the bidders to quote all separately and together, including the road mowing.
- 7. STREET LIGHTS:** Council President Nadine Stoke. Two poles off on 155th Street. Council President Nadine Stokes called them in. She was told that it would take 10 days to fix these. No other outages were reported to the office.

OLD BUSINESS:

1, Banking -Two signature checks: We are currently using Wells Fargo with two signature checks. However, they do not check any of our signatures. We want to start using our new Renasant account, but they will only verify one of the signatures. However, we can use two signature checks with them. Other than looking for another bank that does everything and since all of the paperwork and signatures have already been done with Renasant bank, there was a motion made my Council Pro Temp Martha Cromwell to go with Renasant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shirley Youmans.

2. BMAP (Basin Management Action Plan) – Councilman President Nadine Stokes is still working with their department about the septic systems in Reddick. She is also to get with Ms. Shershock about a movement for water usage and what kind of project that the state has going on for the water systems in small towns including Reddick. Council President Nadine Stokes says that Tallahassee will be trying to force Reddick to put a Water/Sewer system. The state has not notified the office of their on-going data gathering, even though they have already sent someone out to obtain water samples in Reddick. Attendee Kim Law said that she had spoken with Representative Henson in Tallahassee about something else and they brought up the fact that their offices had already been in Reddick getting samples to check the water quality.

3. Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc. -Councilman President Nadine Stokes still checking into these. She has spoken with Verizon. They said that they would get back with her. She is giving them 3 weeks, then reaching back out to them. Some of the attendees said that Gainesville is discontinuing their landlines. In the future Windstream could do the same in Reddick. It has also been heard that Windstream is also going to install underground lines in Reddick. Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell has AT&T and has never had problems with her phones inside her home.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Community House Rentals on books** - March (3-14-2026) / April (4-4-2026), (4-11-2026), (4-18-2026), (4-25-26) / May -(5-17-26) Ms. Myra (5-23-26); June (6-13-2026), (6-23-26) / July (7-11-26) / September (9-4, 5-2026) / October (10-31-2026). Some of these have already paid their deposits.
- B. **Interfaith Food Pantry & Emergency Services Ministries:** The property does still belong to the school board. Ms. Vega has been given their information to contact them about filling in the pot-holes in the parking lot.
- C. **U.S. Census Bureau:** Clerk Sweetalla reached out to them to see what they expect from us. We are not eligible for the program as our town boundaries have not moved since the last census.
- D. **Florida League of Cities:** We received an email from them this morning concerning 14 different Training classes available over the next 8 months. There are no charges to take the classes. This information has been forwarded to all of the council. Most of the programs are recorded and we can go on-line to review if we cannot attend.
- E. **Reddick days:** All in attendance of the February meeting would love to do this event. We need a resident to head up a committee to make the plans, etc. Also, since the spring is already full on the community center rentals. It was decided to move the "Get to Know Your Neighbor" day to September or October. The calendar is currently open from September 26th – October 24, 2026. We have penciled in October 3rd for now. The action is being put on hold until the April Meeting, by then we hope to have a Chair Person or Persons. Clerk Sweetalla approached Jacob and Kate Sherwood and they have agreed to head the committee and help organize the day. They will be looking for volunteers to help with set-up before, grills, coolers, games, tables, clean-up and put away after, etc. to make the event a success. There will be an email set up to reach out to everyone about attendance (RSVP's) and what everyone wants to bring to the pot-luck and also any other recommendations for the day. The email will be posted on the Town's Billboard in between the monthly meeting information.
- F. **Park Pavillion:** We only have until the end of this year to get the park pavilion built and the \$ spent or we have to pay the funds back to the state for the Rescue Funds program in the amount of \$195,251. Clerk Sweetalla reached out to the Park system (John Clarke Allen and Tracy Straub). Tracy and Jim Couillard have responded and requested additional information about the rules concerning the Funding from American Rescue Funds. I have sent them the original 16-page contract that was signed when we received the funding. Jim did some research and has emailed back and says that not only will it complete the Pavilion, but it will buy picnic tables, a grill and a trash bin for the area. The currently existing park cost \$450,000. Reddick put in \$150,000 from the A.R.F.P and Marion County put in \$300,000. The remaining \$45,251 was put into an interest drawing account at the Renasant Bank. The current balance is \$45,678.15. The people at the Marion County Parks office were measuring the park during the first week of March. Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell remembers that it had been discussed that the remaining funding was to be paid to the park system for maintenance for the next 3 years. No vote was taken until further verification of the \$ needing to be spent before 12-31-2026. Clerk Sweetalla did get back with Mrs. Margie Stoup and has verified with her that the year-end spending did stand. Mrs. Stoup believes that these decision were made after Councilman Pro Tem Cromwell had left office. We would have to still pay the \$13 - \$14K annually to the Marion Park System for maintenance, but that was always known in the building of the park. Councilman President requested that the forms from Marion County for the Pavilion Add and the original A.R.F.P documents be reviewed by the town attorney to ensure that we can are in compliance once the funding has been turned over to Marion County Parks and will not owe any \$ at year end even if the pavilion is not complete. The information has been sent to the Town Attorney Randy Klein.
- G. **Blunt Tires:** The land owner is still telling his neighbors that he does plan to fill in the hole and build a parking lot next the Tire store. However, the problem is that the land he plans to do this on is residential. He also stated at the December 2025 meeting that he was not adding to the parking lot.

- H. **Swearing In:** Due to the elections date that did not happen on April 8th. The swearing in has to be held the first Thursday after the official elections date. That date will officially be the 2nd Thursday in April (April 9th). Councilman Andrea Barnes made the motion to move the meeting to the 2nd Thursday. Council Pro Tem Martha Cromwell 2nd the motion with no one opposing. Councilman Myra Sherman's family will be serving refreshments after the meeting and swearing in ceremony. Judge Leann Mackey-Barnes will be doing the swearing in. Dick Gerard wants Banana Pudding at the ceremony – please. An attendee (James Racz) had an interview with Councilman Myra Sherman on his phone, but he could not share it with everyone. He suggested that we use the TV monitor for such things. See the TV monitor section below.
- I. **Community Center Curtains:** Ms. Lucy Ward's sister (Teni) helped make the curtain years ago at the place that she worked. Ms. Lucy has spoken with her and she says we can wash and rehang the shears while they are still wet, but we must have the curtains dry cleaned.
- J. **Barnes Property Garage:** Parcel #06512-001-01 -- Address: 3930 NW 155th St., Reddick, FL 32686. The Barnes want to install a Garage to their property. Shirley Youmans made a motion to write them a letter to do so, Councilman Pro Tem Martha Cromwell 2nd the motion. No one opposed. The letter has been done.

OTHER ITEMS MENTIONED

- A. **Old Bank:** The air conditioning is on and the cool air is currently going out of the bad windows. This should be sealed or fixed to keep the mold down. Mrs. Lucy Ward can get a friend to do the windows and floors. We will need to get a quote from them and 2 others to get the work done. Ms. Lucy is to be given a key so she can check on the document that are being stored there to see what kind of damage has been done .
- B. **Property by the Bank:** There is a small sign up about the property being for sale. Clerk Sweetalla will stop and see if she can read the number to call and see what is wanted for the property. The Marion County property records show that the property is owned by the Pascarelli gentlemen that was coming to the meeting wanting to put a community garden there. The sign has been checked and the phone # could not be read. We will obtain the phone number by other means.
- C. **Large TV Monitor to be part of meetings:** One of the attendees (James Racz) suggested that we use the TV screen in the meetings to mirror images on the screen so that the audience can see what the councils sees, etc. Clerk Sweetalla asked him to volunteer to help set up the monitor for the meetings. Mr. Racz agreed to do so.

***The Meeting adjourned around 8pm. Everyone was asked to stay and help put away the tables and chairs as the Community Center was being rented before the next meeting. All was cleaned up and put away nice and neatly.**

Approved By:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Council President – Nadine Stokes



Town Clerk – Teresa J. Sweetalla