MINUTES FOR THE REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE

1. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pastor Myra D. Sherman *Meeting started at 7:00 pm

Council Present: (6)

Myra D. Sherman, Mayor
Martha Cromwell, Council Pres Pro Tem, Seat #3
Andrea Barnes, Councilman, Seat #1
Nadine Stokes, Council President, Seat #5
Shirley Youmans, Councilman, Seat #4
Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

Absent: (only for first 20 minutes of the meeting) Councilman Andrea Barnes

GUESTS: (16)

Brian Kuhl	Cathy Kuhl	Virginia Goodson	Fondale Evans
David Glynn	James Racz	Guage Racz	Shedric Graham
Lucy Ward	A.K. Lovorco	Sara Lovarco	Cynthia Davis
Alphonso Lamar	Carl Sherman	J. Downing	Mary Salter

2. **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Council President Nadine Stokes
*Do Minutes have any corrections or additions: None
Motion to accept May minutes as is: Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell
2nd Motion: Councilman Shirley Youmans All in Favor: All Opposed: None
Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Andrea Barnes being absent.

3. **TREASURE'S REPORT:** Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell
April Income $19,043.83 Expense $11,744.68 = Profit of $7,299.15
YTD Income $167,095.78 Expense $236,814.85 = Loss of $69,719.07
Motion to accept Financials as is until audit: Councilman Shirley Youmans
2nd Motion: Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell All in Favor: All Opposed: None
Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Andrea Barnes being absent.

BUSINESS;

A. **Sheriff's Department:** Julie Volwinkle. *Lieutenant Volwinkle was not, nor was another Sheriff's Department Representative available at the meeting. Lieutenant Volwinkel sent me the list via email the following week.

911 Calls - 2	Assist Other Agencies – 4	Citizen Assists – 6
Security Checks – 11	Arrest for Violation of Probation – 1	Assault/Battery – 1

B. **Code Enforcement:** Council President Nadine Stokes

1. **Geribon property.** No changes mobile still there. Marion County says that they are done with the Geribon's. So no further action to be taken by the County.

2. **Brewster property.** Roof was put on, House has been painted, yards have been cut. Marion County says that they are done with the Brewster property. So no further action to be taken by the County.

3. **Law property.** More days were given in May.

4. **Shelby Erectors.** The property is marked. Work continuing. They need Mayor Sherman to visit to see where the new road will need to go. Mayor Sherman said she would visit them the next week.

5. **Loud Music**. Mayor Sherman went to the area that was playing the loud music and spoke to the owners of the business. They run a car stereo business. They did not know that the loud music had to stop at

10:00pm. They said that they would come to the council meetings, but were not there for the June meeting. They did want to know why the town had taken away their basketball courts. Mayor Sherman prayed with them and told them that we are a community and that we all have to work together. They agreed. Hopefully, they will attend future meetings.

Road Work/Street Maintenance: Councilman Shirley Youmans. She has been given four Landscape Business to get full quotes from all for Right-of-Way mowing and permanent bush removal around street signs. Councilman Youmans will set up a Saturday to do the street cleaning near NW 155th and 157th. The residences in the area have let her know that they will help with the clean-up. Two trees down on NW 40th Avenue Road (Dirt Road). Three Bids requested. One tree is really large. Mr. Hoover Garrison was awarded the job for the 40th Avenue Trees. There are also bids being collected for the tree that has fallen on the barn at the Kosta property. Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to Kristi at the Marion Co. office of engineers and requested road scraping and repairs for the hole in the road on 157th street by Club Charmont. Councilman Shirley Youmans will call the office with the address for the Cresent Street / 55th location that needs the right of ways cut. There are new residences living there now.

Street Lights: No new reported to office. Councilman Shirley Youmans requested that anyone that had previous Street light issues to please look and make sure that those lights had been repaired as we get no reports from Duke letting us know when or if the repairs have been done.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **BMAP (Basin Management Action Plan.** Council President Nadine Stokes has to wait until this year's contract is up. There was a motion made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to table this item until we hear back from Water Management. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The Motion carried unanimously, with none opposed.

B. **Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.:** Verizon has said that they were working on areas with no or little access and they are trying to come up with a plan for those areas. The Badges will be looked into by Clerk Sweetalla

C. **Reddick Days:** Jacob & Kate Sherwood are heading the committee. They will need volunteers for Set-up before, Clean-up after, for grills, games, coolers, ice, cups, plates, utensils, etc. Kate has also set up an email address for everyone to add what they will be bringing as this is a pot-luck situation. The email address is: ReddickNeighbors@Yahoo.com. We would also like to have an RSVP and about what time you plan to attended. The time discussed previously was around 11:00 to 2:00 pm. The dates that are blocked off for the community are the Saturdays 10/03 – 10/23/26. This event is to further fellowship in Reddick. The sign-up sheet is available again tonight. Please sign up for food, supplies & volunteer help before you leave. Thank you. No one has left any information on the email for the event. Clerk Sweetalla will have the event added to the Billboard and the Reddick Web-site. Councilman Shirley Youman's requested Flyers about the event to hand out to the town's residences. Clerk Sweetalla will get with the Sherwood's to see if they can come up with a design for the flyers. Mayor Sherman has spoken with a few people about getting food brought in for the event as well as a bounce house for the children.

D. **Park Pavillion:** Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to the Marion County Parks department to let them know that we wish to move forward with the remainder of the American Rescue Funds being used on the Maintenance on the park for the next 3 plus years. Council President Nadine Stokes said that she will need to get in touch with Robin Hough to make an addendum to the previous plan for the pavilion. Robin Hough wanted it all done by 6-10-2026. However, it will probably have to happen before their July meeting instead.

E. **Brian L. and/or Susan Kimak Property – Parcell # 06626-000-00- Address: NW Gainesville Rd, Reddick, FL 32686 – Reddick - Zoned R2 - .12 Acres, just North of Blunts Tire Center.** A certified letter was sent to the Kimak's. Mr. Kimak, received and signed for the certified letter 6-09-2025. However, the very next day 6-10-2025, he had 6 loads of fill dirt delivered to the site. Multiple people were called and Councilman Andrea Stokes came to the Reddick office for another copy of the letter to hand deliver to have them stop what they were doing. Mayor Myra Sherman was out of town, but she spoke with Mr. Kimak via Councilman Andrea Stokes cell phone while she was still on site. Mayor Myra Sherman and Clerk Sweetalla spoke with multiple Marion County offices and the Sheriff's department to see what needed to be done have Mr. Kimak stop before he spread the 6 loads of fill dirt. During this period the culvert under 25A also had dirt pushed up to it to stop the rain flow from coming from the Tennis Court side. At the end of the day, the Reddick office received a call back from Steve Malls the OCE for Marion County Property Management. He said that the land was a Flood Prone Zone and had very specific rules as what could be done there. Just as Lucy Ward had been saying at the town meetings all along. Mr. Malls was very concerned about the culvert being blocked as well. He said that the Tennis Court side was 72' above sea level and the east side of 25A was only 68" above sea level and if that culvert could not flow freely that they main road through town would flood and cause accidents (25A / Gainesville Road). Mr. Malls sent his guys out on Thursday 6-11-2026 to make photos and do measurements and make notes about the site.

F. **Reddick Park:** Clerk Sweetalla is still waiting on the key and code for the bathroom doors. She has reached back out to the Parks Department. No word back. She will reach out again.

G. **Reddick City Limit Sign on 155th Street, East side:** Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to Kristi at the Marion Co. office of engineers and requested that the put the new sign in the correct spot. No word back. She will check the site and reach out again if necessary.

H. **Lowell Resident Kerry Gentry:** Mayor Sherman had several email conversations with Mr. Gentry. He felt that he had been shut down just because he did not live inside the Reddick city limits. Mayor Sherman assured him that was not the case as all positive input for the town is appreciated and that the reason that he had been shut down was because of his negative approach and demeanor. Concerning this situation, they came to no resolutions as his approach did not change during the conversations.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **SEATS UP FOR ELECTION OR PLACEMENT:**
*To date, we are not in compliance as Seat #2 has been open since April.
No Seats were voted on. Mayor Myra Sherman requested volunteers from the floor. She asked that anyone that wanted to be recommended to please let us know so that they could be voted on for the position for the next meeting. They also added that they would like to get a male representatives view on the council. No volunteers.

B. **Additional Bank Account:**
SeaCoast Bank approached the office in May for a secondary bank account. They offer a deposit machine for the office to keep from having to run to Ocala for every deposit. They would like to do a presentation at our next meeting and answer any questions. They are one of the few other banks that can work with municipalities. They can offer debit & credit cards if necessary as well. A motion was made by Council President Nadine Stokes to have SeaCoast come and do their presentation. Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell 2nd the motion. All in Favor, None Opposed.

C. **Other Banking:** Reddick finally got the checks in for Renasant Bank. It took so long because QuickBooks and the local Renasant Bank did not already have a relationship and they had to do their negotiations

before they could get the Renasant bank code in their systems so that the new printed checks would clear the Bank Account. Clerk Sweetalla requested that we finally close the Wells-Fargo bank account because of how much it was costing the town to continue to bank with them. A motion was made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to close the Wells-Fargo checking Account ending in #4168. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Shirley Youmans. All in Favor. None opposed.

D. **Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss dropped off a flyer for a day of Prayer in the Reddick Park.** Mayor Myra Sherman elaborated on this subject and asked that the people in town participate in the day or prayer. They would love for Mayor Sherman to speak at the event which is scheduled for 7-11-2026. The town of Reddick was given no instructions of scheduled use of the Park. Therefore, Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to the Marion Parks Dept. to see what protocols need to be followed for any scheduled park events. No word back yet. Clerk Sweetalla will reach out again.

E. **Upcoming Florida Elections:** Council President Nadine Stokes asked the floor to please carefully read all of the upcoming proposals for the upcoming state elections; especially the tax cuts and what they effect.

F. **Peacocks causing damage:** Someone on the floor said that the pair of Peacocks that are causing all of the damage belong to the gentleman on the corner with the generator that lives near Mayor Myra Sherman. One of the gentleman said that they had damaged his daughters' vehicle and if someone could not do something about them, that he was going to shoot them. Council President Nadine Stokes let him know that Peacocks were a protected animal and that they should not be shot and if they were that there is a huge fine for doing so. Clerk Sweetalla will call Animal Control to find out which department takes care of the loose Peacocks. The Peacocks have been roaming freely for several months. If anyone knows who owns the Peacocks, please call the office, so the owners can be contacted. Also, so the proper officers know where to return the Peacocks.

G. **Reddick – 2 year plan:** Mayor Myra Sherman, her son and another family member (in a wheel chair) walked the Perimeter of the town as they prayed for the town, its residents and the towns future. One thing that became obvious during this walk is that the town has no sidewalks or clear paths for scooters, bikes, or children that walk to and from school. Therefore, Mayor Sherman has started a two Grants for the town. One for sidewalks and the other for the homeless. She also wants to move the town into a different direction. If you speak with any outsiders their opinion about the town is always bad. Part of that is because of the large area that has a Reddick address that has been linked to bad activities that have nothing to do with the town of Reddick. That aside, Mayor Sherman wants to change the perception of the town to be more positive.

H. **New Grocery Store Proposal:** This is about a **n**ew proposal for the property beside the Dollar General in Reddick owned by the Graham's. At the Oct. 2, 2025 Council meeting, the Graham's were thinking of putting a mobile home/tiny home dealership at the location. However, since then, they have done a poll and asked many of the residents of Reddick what they would like to see there. There was a unanimous need/want for a new grocery store. Everyone misses the old Grocery that closed down after the Dollar General moved into town. Mr. Graham was told by the council to complete a "Special Use Permit" and make sure that he followed all protocols for set-backs, parking, etc.

***The Meeting adjourned around 8:06 PM.**

Approved By:

Mayor Myrda D. Sherman

Respectfully Submitted By:

Teresa J. Sweetalla

Town Clerk – ~~Teresa J. Sweetalla~~