

MINUTES FOR THE REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN JULY – 7:00 PM – Final Draft

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Pastor Myra D. Sherman

Council Present: (6)

Myra D. Sherman, Mayor

Martha Cromwell, Council Pres Pro Tem, Seat #3

Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

Nadine Stokes, Council President, Seat #5

Andrea Barnes, Councilman, Seat #1

Absent: Councilman Shirley Youmans

GUESTS: 16

Lucy Ward

Jackie Sherman

Joe Perry

Mary Salter

Pastor Fondale Evans

Kierra Buchanan

Shannan Kost

Lequanda Lamar

Isaiah Griffin

Darryl Buchanan

Alphonso Lamar

Unknown

Sharon Patterson

Latrail Petterson

Curtis Burns

Winston Brewster

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Council President Nadine Stokes

*Do Minutes have any corrections or additions: None

Motion to accept June minutes as is: Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell

2nd Motion: Council President Nadine Stokes All in Favor: All Present Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Shirley Youmans **being absent.**

3. TREASURE'S REPORT: Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell

June Income \$25,492.71 Expense \$16,302.44 = Profit of \$9,190.27

YTD Income \$195,540.45 Expense \$222,457.90 = Loss of \$26,917.45

Motion to accept Financials as is until audit: Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell

2nd Motion: Councilman Andrea Barnes All in Favor: All Present Opposed: None

Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Shirley Youmans **being absent.**

BUSINESS:

- A. **Sheriff's Department:** Julie Volwinkle. *Lieutenant Volwinkle will not be at the July meeting as she will be on vacation. She will forward the numbers when she gets back on July 6th.

911 Hang ups – 5

Battery -1

Verbal Dispute -1

Grand Theft Auto (Suspect Known) -1

Vehicle Burglary (Suspect Family Member) -1

Alarm - 1

Civil -7

Traffic Stops -21

Assist Other Agencies – 1

Security Checks –9

Juvenil Runaway -2

Warrants Served -2

Suspicious Incident -2

Citizen Assists –14

Death (Natural) -1

Traffic Citation -1

Reports Written -10

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

1. Geribon property. – not present

2. Brewster property. - present

3. Law property. -not present. More days were given in May. Not present. Vehicle broken down out west.

4. Shelby Erectors. Not present. The property is marked. Work continuing. Mayor Myra Sherman not able to catch them there. Councilman Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell will go visit with them during the day.

Road Work/Street Maintenance: Councilman Shirley Youmans.

Waiting for clean-up date and road scraping date. Mayor Myra Sherman said there is a tree down on 42nd. Tree branch in the corner is out in the road.

Street Lights: Councilman Shirley Youmans. No new reported to office.

OLD BUSINESS: *Some items to be tabled.

- A. Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.:** Verizon – nothing new. . Council President Nadine Stokes still in talks with Verizon. Clerk Sweetalla called BJ Trophy's about making the badges. They can be done for about \$14.00 each. Frameable "Oaths of Office": BJ Trophy's is working on a price for a frameable paper copy for us. Clerk Sweetalla checked into microphones. The cost is any where from \$50.00 to \$400 dollars each. It will need to be decided how many to purchase and double check the reviews to see if the lower costs ones will work for us. There are even cheaper ones available for \$17.00 but they are to be hooked to a computer for Pod-cast, etc., So they will not work for us. There are some that seem like they would work for \$109.00 at Amazon and Best Buy. If anyone knows about any good ones at a reasonable price please let us know.

Motion made to buy name badges: Motion made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. Motion was seconded by Councilman Andrea Barnes. All in Favor: All Present Opposed: None. Motion carried with all in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent.

Motion made to buy microphone: Motion made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. to buy 1 of the microphones from Amazon or Best Buy for \$109.00 to see how it works. Motion was seconded by Council President Nadine Stokes. Motion carried with all in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None .

- B. 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 added the event 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: food & Bounce house. Clerk Sweetalla has a sample copy for the council to review to see if they will work. There are no images on the flyer copy yet as it is a first draft.

Motion made by Councilman Andrea Barnes to accept the text on the flyer. Motion 2nd by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. Motion carried with all in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None

- C. Park Pavillion:** President Nadine Stokes. Remainder of funds going to Park Maintenance. A very vague plan was received, but the amended plan needs more defined wording. Councilman Stokes is working with the Admin. Manager Laura Cooper with the Parks & Rec Dept. We are behind on our Maintenance Payments because the Parks Department has failed to invoice us. The funds should be paid all at once to avoid being penalized Florida for the grant and being made to pay back the entire \$195K. The remaining funds are to cover about 3.38 years of the Reddick Park Maintenance. **A motion was made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to use the remaining funds to pay for the Park Maintenance (Funds remaining are around \$45K and to be paid ASAP. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried with all in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.**

- D. 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. Another call was made to Mr. Malls today (7-2-2026) about the flooding of the area yesterday. However, those county offices are shut down for the holidays. Brian Kimak was at the meeting and spoke for quite some time. He says that the Town of Reddick changed the zoning on him and he will be getting an attorney. His statement is incorrect. The zoning in Reddick has stood for probably 25 plus years. Marion County does not line up with the Town and the Town's zoning overrules the county. We are in the process of getting the County updated. But the Reddick Clerk has been told by the Marion County Property offices that some of the zoning that the county has on record has not been updated for over 75 years.
- E. Reddick Park:** Clerk Sweetalla has received the code for the bathroom doors. She has also been told that someone will drop off a key for the doors to the Town of Reddick office next week. Council Seat #2 is the person assigned to the Recreational Areas. So that new person will be the contact person is for emergencies, negotiations, etc. The new council Member will be added to the Duties List and a sign should be added at the Park Area for the Reddick after hours contact.
That person is placed below in section "G". Councilman Lucy Ward.
- F. 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. As of this week it is still in wrong place
- G. SEATS UP FOR ELECTION OR PLACEMENT:**
Ms. Lucy Ward came by the office on June 11 and put in her name for the Council Seat #2. Jacob Sherwood was also asked, but he regretted that he had to decline at this time as he is currently working two jobs.

Nomination by Mayor Sherman: Ms. Lucy Ward to fill Seat #2. This Seat will be up for re-election in April along with several other seats. The Nomination accepted by Council President Nadine Stokes. The Nomination was 2nd by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. The Nomination was accepted All in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.
- H. ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNT:**
Kyle Yancy & Travis Magamoll from SeaCoast Bank approached the office in May for a secondary bank account. They were to be at the July meeting with a proposal, but they were not aware that the meeting was the same week of the fourth of July holiday. So they are both on vacation.

- I. **Other Banking:** Wells-Fargo bank account ending in #4168 to be closed when all checks clear and funds to be moved to Renasant Bank. Renasant bank has also offered the deposit machine to the town of Reddick. Costs for the machine will be emailed before the next meeting so that they can be compared to the SeaCoast Bank.
- J. **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 of 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. Clerk reached back out to the Parks office today, but the person to speak with left early today so we will have to wait until next week to see what protocols are to be followed. Dr. Chambliss's sister passed away, so their plans changed as the funeral was out of state.
- K. **Peacocks causing damage:** Clerk Sweetalla talked with Lieutenant Volwinkel about which department to call. Animal Control is now only for domestic animals (dogs & cats). The police Ag department is for farm animals (horses, cattle, pigs, sheep). For other animals, including exotic animals we call FWC Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation). Their phone number is 352-732-1225. 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 Wildlife officers know where to return the Peacocks. Clerk Sweetalla reached back out to the FWC today, but their offices are also closed until next week. It was reported that the Peacocks were also in Council President Nadine Stokes yard as well as Florence Williams yard. During the meeting someone said that the Peacocks belong to Mary Blue Farm by the curve. Clerk Sweetalla will find an address for them and send a letter.
- L. **Reddick – 2-year plan:** Mayor Myra Sherman. Mayor Sherman has started two Grants for the town. One for sidewalks and the other for the homeless. Mayor Myra Sherman has spoken with Florida League of Cities and Dr. Linley Downing at Duke University about the grants. So the costs will be no extra Burden to the Town of Reddick, as the grants would cover all of the costs. It is time that we had some positive media out about the Town of Reddick. Mayor Myra's church has recently helped two families that were being evicted. The amount of homeless people in Reddick is growing.
- M. **New Grocery Store Proposal:** 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. Mr. Graham has been working on clearing the property as well as working with Marion County concerning all of their requirements. This is the property north of the Dollar General. Mr. Graham was not at the meeting tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Marion County Growth Services:** Ken Odom from the Growth Services office called in May and said that Reddick has to complete the plan that happens every 5 years. Right now Reddick and McIntosh are the only 2 cities left to adopt the new plan. Clerk Sweetalla picked up the flash drive containing the information from the Marion County Building & Permits office, as it was too large to email. Preston Bowler or Aaron from Mr. Odom's office will attend the Reddick July meeting to witness the council's vote on the adoption of the plan. No Action tonight as no one was at the July meeting to represent Ken Odom's office due to the July 4th holiday.
- B. **Windstream:** I am sure that some of you have noticed all of the orange paint and little orange flags that Windstream/Kinetic have been placing around town. They are discontinuing their copper wires on the telephone poles and putting an all-new fiber service underground anywhere that they don't already have it. Yay!

- C. Community Center Rental Deposit Refunds, Etc. :** In the last contract it was stated that the deposit funds would be refunded the next business day after the community center is inspection. However, this has started to become a problem with all of the renters wanting their money back the day after their rental because the contract is too vague. Some discussion between President Nadine Stokes and Clerk Sweetalla has resulted in the fact that a new contract needs to be written that states that the office has 10 to 15 days to refund the deposit after inspection and that the deposit will be mailed. This will save a considerable amount of extra work for the office and councilmen. All of the previous contracts will be reviewed to compose a better more concise contract. There are also some other items concerning the community center rental. People are not bidding by the rules, so lines will be added for applicants to initials the areas that have started to become a problem. One of them is about people blocking the Parsonage drive-way. That driveway does not belong to the Town of Reddick. There have also been some problems with getting the key to the renters in the past. Curtin Burns with Polyflex Horseshoes has volunteered to get the digital key lock and install it on the front door of the community center. This lock can be purchased from Home Depot for around \$200. This lock will allow us much more flexibility with the renters. Some of the renters have also been parking on the front side-walk to unload. This was done in the past and it busted the old sidewalk. According the insurance, that was a hazard and the sidewalk had to be replaced. We don't want to do that again, So it was suggested that we get "No Parking on Side Walk" signs. **A motion was made by Council President Nadine Stokes to make the changes listed above. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in Favor with Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.**
- D. Marion County / Reddick Addresses:** Over the past month the office has been bombarded by phone calls, email request, etc. about needing a letter from Reddick to get a permit, etc. The problem with this is that over 80% of those requests are not in Reddick. The county is not checking the addresses before they automatically forward the property owners to Reddick. Clerk Sweetalla has even had to write letters for some of those places stating that the properties are not inside the Reddick City limits because the County has refused to work with some of the property owners or businesses doing the work because of the Reddick address. This is highly unacceptable, because of the extra amount of work that they are causing the city due to the fact that they won't look up the actual location of the property before sending the property owner or business away. We will be looking into our Interlocal agreement with Marion County to see what can be done about this.
- E. Darryl & Kierra Buchanan, Residences at 15680 NW 48th Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686 (near the corner of 157th Street & 48th Avenue).** Darryl & Kierra are the parents of small children aged 1 and 4. They moved to the area to raise their children in a smalltown setting. However, they are now concerned with their children even playing in their own fenced back yards due to all of the Cars, Loud Music, Drugs and Alcohol use in the area. The partying in their area is going on to 3:00 & 4:00 am in the morning, the children can't even sleep in their own rooms. The people causing the problems are throwing their trash over the fence into the Buchanan's yard, which could be potentially dangerous to their small children should the trash contain drugs, alcohol or worse a firearm. The majority of the people hanging out in the area are not even Reddick residents. They are asking for more policing in the area to cut down on the problems. Mary Salter also added that she was still having the same problems at her residence. Several of the residents have tried to approach the people causing the problems. The problem people have cussed at and threatened the residents that try to reach a compromise with them. Mayor Myra Sherman said she would call a special meeting with the police department as these problems have been going on far too long. The residents want more patrols, more tickets written and maybe some signs so that tickets can be written, "No Parking", "No Loitering", "No Littering". Ms. Ward said that those types of signs were bought by the town and put in by former council Steve Rodgers and Jim Stroup. Those costly signs had been pulled up and were gone the very next day. Clerk Sweetalla will reach out to Marion County to see if they will install the signs. The problem area is not the guys installing the car stereos.

F. **Shannon Kost spoke for herself and several neighbors in the area near 14750 NW 43rd Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686.** The area has a business running out of it but it is zoned Residential. It is believed that they are selling drugs from the property as well. There are people that come to the gate and honk or yell even in the middle of the night. Someone brings them something to the gate and then they leave. The guys at the garage set off Commercial grade Fireworks on the Right of Way by Mr. Aidens house. They also constantly have vehicles parked along the right of way for days and days. Ms. Kost use to manage one of the nearby properties for Mr. Ruben, but the area is so bad now that he can no longer rent his property. Another neighbor Jean Clauson lives beside the property and has called Marion County Code Enforcement out repeatedly, but the business owner denies them access to the property. This property has been a problem for the Town of Reddick since 2010. The house was supposedly permitted for demolition in 2019. The person running the business is the son of the property owner (Kipford), but he does not live on the property, so he should not be allowed to run a business there. The property was a Garage many many years ago, but the zoning was changed to match the surrounding other Residential properties also many many years ago. Most of the surrounding residents don't even mind if he runs a garage there, they just want all of the illegal stuff to be stopped.

The Meeting adjourned around 8:41 PM