

MINUTES FOR THE REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN AUGUST – 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

Andrea Barnes, Councilman, Seat #1

Lucy Ward, Seat #2

Nadine Stokes, Council President, Seat #5

Shirley Youmans, Councilman, Seat #4

Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

Late: Councilman Andrea Barnes about 10 min. / Council President Nadine Stokes about 20 min.

GUESTS: 23

Dick Gerard	Robert Streggh	Pastor James L. McKinon	Cynthia Davis	Johnnie Downing
Pam Gerard	Anna Streggh	Pastor Buddy Cransto	Kim Law	Jocelyn McKathan
Peggy Setty	Sheila Donato	Bishop Winston Brewster	Bob Law	unknown
Brian Kuhl	Lucy Ward	Shirley Terrell	Joe Perry	
Cathy Kuhl	Jackie Sherman	Steve Terrell	David Glynn	

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Council President Nadine Stokes

*Do Minutes have any corrections or additions: Minutes unavailable at this time

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

July Income \$15,319.13 Expense \$37,916.70 = Loss of \$22,597.57

YTD Income \$246,835.57 Expense \$244,733.87 = Gain of \$2,101.70

Motion to accept Financials as is until audit: Councilman Shirley Youmans. Motion 2nd by: Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried unanimously with All in Favor with no one being absent. Opposed: None.

BUSINESS:

A. Sheriff's Department: Lieutenant Julie Volwinkle.

911 Calls – hang ups -5	Assist Other Agencies – 2 (Anim. Control, FHP)	Citizen Assists –18
Civil -6	Commercial Burglary -1 (Mt. Zion Church)	Domestic Disturbance -4
Drugs -1 (Arrest)	Security Checks -49 (all in/around the hole)	Suspicious Incident -5
Traffic Stops -24	Traffic Citation -5	Reports Written -4
Shooting Occurred – (This was the drive-by, no injuries NW 155 th & NW 44 th Avenue)		

***Mayor Sherman let the attendees know that the council met with Lieutenant Volwinkle last month to discuss the town concerns about the ongoing crime and getting in more patrols. Lieutenant Volwinkle has stepped up the patrols all over town including the specified problem areas**

B. Code Enforcement: Council President Nadine Stokes

1. Geribon property. – Not In attendance

2. Brewster property. – Present: Mr. Brewster was questioned by the council about the ongoing work being done on the property. He said the work was coming on slowly but surely. Roof supposedly done and is now working on interior. Council President Nadine Stokes and Mayor Myra Sherman asked him if he needed additional time, he did not respond to any specific time. He said the place was secure, because

someone would have to break in to enter the property the same as any other property in town. He did state that there are no bars on the windows, but he did not feel that they were necessary at this time. He also added that he was planning on adding a new fence and wall around some of the property. He said that the place was ready to be evaluated, but it is not finished to his liking and he will be doing so as time and money allow. The Council moved on stating they would revisit the situation as Bishop Brewster worked on the project.

3. **Law property.** More days were given in May. Bob and Kim Law were both present. Kim spoke briefly. She said that they were stranded out west two times so they are a little behind on removing the vehicles. As far as the RV that is still out front, they are still waiting for the Insurance company to come and do their evaluation before it can be moved. The Law's were given an additional 30 days.
4. **Shelby Erectors.** The property is marked. Work continuing. Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell went to visit with them. She was escorted around the property by one of the Vice-Presidents (Jackson Nix). When they put up their new fence, which will include part of the current road, they will do the necessary bulldozing, etc. to make the road still passable but the new road will all be in Reddick property at that time.

Road Work/Street Maintenance: Councilman Shirley Youmans.

Nothing new, still waiting for clean-up date and road scraping date.

*At this time Councilman Shirley Youmans brought up the fact that the council is looking over the Squeekie Kleen contract with Michael Henderson. They are not currently happy with the fact that some of the work listed on the contract is not being done. The council plans to review the contract with Michael and see what he can do to correct this or they may be taking new bids for the work. *The information concerning Michael's contract is also addressed in NEW BUSINESS, item "G" council would like Michael to attend the Sept Meeting.

Street Lights: Councilman Shirley Youmans. 3 Street Lights out reported to office. All to be called in.

1. #560336 -- 42nd Terrace & 151st (SW corner)
2. # 37G-6873 -- 151st Street (across from Councilman Ward's)
3. #8086548 -- still waiting for address

OLD BUSINESS: *Some items to be tabled.

A. Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.: Verizon -Nothing New

Badges: Copies made of IDs for badges, but copies need to be redone. Photos not good enough. Cost to be about \$14.00 each. Frameable "Oaths of Office": BJ Trophy's is working on a price. Microphones: with the Budget work this month the purchase has not been made. The purchase will be made at the Best Buy store in person so the product can be explained and opened to verify that they will work on their own with a speaker and without a computer present. \$109.00 at Amazon & Best Buy. A microphone should be in place by the September meeting. Front Door Lock: Curtis Burns with Polyflex Horseshoes in Reddick purchased the new digital door lock and donated it to the Town -cost around \$200.00. Curtis and his IT guy installed it on Tuesday. It works great on Bluetooth. However, there is a minor glitch with the Internet side of the process. They are checking into the issue.

- B. Reddick Days:** Jacob & Katie Sherwood are heading the committee. We are not getting any sign-up for the event. If we don't get anyone signing up, the event may have to be cancelled before we even get it started. The email address is: ReddickNeighbors@Yahoo.com. We would also like to have an RSVP and about what time you plan to attended. Katie is working on a Facebook page for the Town of Reddick, to try and make it easier for people to sign up. Mayor Myra Sherman asked if the Sherwoods would attend the next meeting to address the attendees on the current circumstances. Clerk Sweetalla talked with Katie and that should not be a problem. Katie plans to go door to door with some of the flyers before the September meeting and Clerk Sweetalla will put the information on the billboard again as October is right around the corner. Mayor Sherman said that this event is something that she has not seen happen since she has been in Reddick. The Council will contact the local churches to get

them to pass the word along as well. Councilman Youmans would like some of the flyers to hand out as well.

- C. **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.** Nothing new here. Clerk Sweetalla will be writing a letter to the Marion County Property site to have them make some of the necessary changes to their zoning over the next month.
- D. **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. We have not received a key for the bathroom doors yet. Clerk Sweetalla will reach back out to the parks department concerning this.
- E. **Reddick City Limit Sign on 155th Street, East side:** Clerk Sweetalla has spoken with the Marion Co. office of engineers. The lot that the sign is in front of is actually 2 lots, so the sign is in the correct place right between the center of the fence and does not need moving.
- F. **Additional Bank Account:**
Kyle Yancy & Travis Magamoll from SeaCoast Bank approached the office in May for a secondary bank account. On hold until September.
- G. **New Grocery Store Proposal:** Mr. Graham came by the office in July and picked up his “Special Use Permit”. He is working with Marion County for all permits, etc. He says that it is going to be a long drawn-out process and Actual building will probably not start until after March of 2027. Mr. Graham was not at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Marion County Growth Services: **This was actually done at the beginning of the meeting, so that Preston Bowling could give the presentation without having to be at the entire meeting.** Ken Odom from the Growth Services office called in May and said that Reddick has to complete the LMS plan. Preston Bowling is here tonight to answer any questions and get the new plan in place. Mr. Bowling will be retiring in about 26 days, so there will be a new contact concerning the Emergency Plan meeting for Marion County and the participating Towns. They meet quarterly and they strongly suggest that someone come to the meetings to represent the Town of Reddick. Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell let Mr. Bowling know that she is in charge of the Emergency Planning for the town and she will attend the meetings. Councilman Lucy Ward will also attend so that there is a 2nd person in place that knows about the projects. Mr. Bowling brought in several brochures for the attendees. Mr. Bowling also brought in copies of the plan for the council to read and approve. Mayor Sherman read the entire 3-page resolution aloud for all to hear. There are many municipalities in Marion County that were up to adopt the “Resolution”. Thus far, Reddick is the only town in Marion County that has not already reviewed and signed the “5 year” plan. *Part of the presentation included the following information – There are a large amount of man-made and natural threat assessments for our area. They put programs in place to help with our areas needs. On some of the programs the state will pay for 75% of the cost and the municipality only has to pay 25%. This is if the program provides funding for a particular disaster or need. They do Risk Assessments. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 allows for several types of disasters, etc. which include forestry, etc. Some projects types are Flooding, Transfer Lift, Public Awareness, Generator Power, Communication Centers, Chapter 3-LMS procedures. They look at past situations for our area and try to see how the programs can be improved. Some are 911 communications (which serves all of Marion County), Fire Service Headquarters, Generators, Shelters, Etc. A large problem in the Marion County area is the Water Oak trees. Mr. Bowling has been working with the power companies to try and compile information to asses the amount of water oak damages compared to other damages. Thus far about 95% of the damage to our area is from the Water Oaks trees. The town of Reddick can attest to that. Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell got a contact card from Mr. Bowling. The town must complete the proper applications for the assistance programs and have certain paperwork in place. They will

help Councilman Cromwell with the necessary paperwork. In the past Reddick has always adopted the Resolution with the County along with the other municipalities. There needs to be a vote during the August meeting and they only need 1 copy signed and forwarded back to Ken Odoms office. Ken Odom is the senior planner for the program. The Town should request a new generator as theirs does not work.

A motion to adopt the “Resolution” was made by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Shirley Youmans . The motion carried with All in Favor with No one being absent. Opposed: None.

- B. Windstream:** Please watch your yards for water pooling and listen to your well pumps. Tuesday night late, Jacob Sherwood noticed the well-pumps running non-stop. The Windstream workers has busted the old galvanized water pipes that run from his property to the Old Bank that the Town owns. Councilman Lucy Ward delt with speaking with the workers and made contact with their supervisors on-site and at their offices. They had people working with Councilman Ward, Jacob Sherwood and Chad Sweetalla yesterday and today. They say that the issue has been resolved, but Jacob will keep an out on the well-pump just to make certain. Councilman Ward also spoke with the Supervisors about the mess that they were making digging up all the grass on the Right of Way. She finally got them to say that they would fill in the necessary areas with sod instead of some seeds and hay.
- C. Renasant Bank:** We need to add a 3rd person to the signature list since former Council President Pro Tem Patti Vetter left, we did not replace her on the signature card at the bank. Can we make a motion to add Council President Pro Tem Martha Cromwell.

A motion was made by Councilman Andrea Barnes to add Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell as a 3rd signer. The motion was 2nd by Both Councilman Shirley Youmans and Councilman Lucy Ward. The motion carried with No one being absent. Opposed: None

- D. Council President & Council President Pro Temp positions to be voted on. Also, need to revisit the duties that the current council members have assigned to them.** The council may want to change some of the duties. The Council have a copy of the current duties and to whom they were previously assigned.

PRESIDENT

Councilman Shirley Youmans made the motion for Council President Nadine Stokes to be voted in for another term as Council President. Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell 2nd the motion. The motion carried with All in Favor with No one being absent. Opposed: None

PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Council President Nadine Stokes made the motion for Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to be voted in for a full term as Council President Pro Tem. Councilman Lucy Ward 2nd the motion. The motion carried with All in Favor with No one being absent. Opposed: None

- E. Community Center Rental Deposit Refunds:** A new Contract being put together from all of the old contracts. There was some discussion here about what to charge the churches. It had already been previously decided that their rental amount would be \$200.00. Pastor McKinon’s church had already paid the \$200 deposit and \$200 for each of the 2 days rental. August 2nd and August 9th. Pastor Buddy Cransto from the Friendship Baptist Church in Reddick spoke about Pastor McKinon and the friendship that his church and Pastor McKinon’s Church (Lifeline Community Church, Inc). have had and he could vouch for their character. Another attendee suggested that we charge churches \$50.00, but the Council compromised to charge \$100, but for events only as the community center can no longer be used for Church Services as per Florida Rule for a Government

Building. It was also discovered after the meeting that the Election Board would be taking over the community center from 8/8 – 8/19/26 for voting & early voting. Mayor Sherman said that Pastor McKinon could hold service at her church. Also, one of the attendees mentioned doing a donation for Pastor McKinon’s rental. Pastor McKinon will need to be refunded the rental difference and the rental amount for the Sunday that they were unable to use the Community Center due to the extra week added to Early voting. There was no vote made to change the Rental amount for the Church’s this will have to be done at the September meeting.

- F. Mowing Contract: Squeekie Kleen (Michael Henderson) currently has a contract. The contract is dated 10-16-2023 – 10/31/2029. But the contract states that the town can cancel the contract at any time.** The council is not happy with the work that has not been getting done. All of the council have received a copy of the contract prior to the meeting to review to see if they want to open up the job for new bids. The Council asked if we would invite Mr. Henderson to the September meeting to review the contract and try to work out the situation with him. No vote taken to open the job up for new bids at this time.
- G. 2026 – 2027 Town of Reddick Budget Review Number One. Second and Final Review to be done in September:** Budget to be presented by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. Council Cromwell read over key points of the Budget. She let the other councilmember and attendees know that we would still be working on the Budget for the remainder of the time until the September Town Council meeting when a Budget would have to be adopted. **A motion was made to accept the Budget Draft #1 (for August) by Councilman Lucy Ward. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barns. The motion carried with Four votes in Favor and One vote opposed by Council President Nadine Stokes with No one being absent.**
- H. Reddick Park Pavillion verses the Maintenance Fund:** Council to revisit the misunderstanding about the Pavillion verses the Maintenance being paid with the remainder of the funding from the Grant. Council President Nadine Stokes stated that Laura Cooper the Admin. Manager for the Marion County Parks Dept. stated that she did not believe that we could use the grant \$ for the Maintenance. This will need to be looked into further as to why she believes this. What ever is to be done must be done ASAP before we have to pay back the entire \$195K. One of Councilman Lucy Ward duties are the Recreational areas which include the park, so she can reach back out to Ms. Cooper to get additional information and find out if we need to get our town Lawyers (Klein & Klein) to review the contract. No vote was made tonight either way, as it has already been voted on by the council back on May 14, 2026 during the Town Council Meeting for May for the funds to be used for the maintenance.
- I. No Interruptions Day for the Town of Reddick Clerk:** The Clerks paperwork is getting behind due to all of the interruptions every week. Councilman Lucy Ward suggested that there be a day during the week where the clerk does not answer the phone or do call backs. Clerk Sweetalla agreed that Wednesday would be the best day for this. **A motion was made by Councilman Lucy Ward to make Wednesday the “No Interruptions Day”. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in Favor with No one being absent. Opposed: None**

***The Meeting adjourned around 8:45 pm**
