REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER – 7:00 PM – D-2 Final

1. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pastor Myra D. Sherman or Pastor Fondale Evans

Council Present: (6)

Myra D. Sherman, Mayor
Andrea Barnes, Councilman, Seat #1
Martha Cromwell, Council Pres Pro Tem, Seat #3
Lucy Ward, Councilman, Seat #2
Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk

Absent: Nadine Stokes – Council President Seat #5 **Late:** Shirley Youmans, Council, Seat #4

GUESTS: (12)

Dick Gerard	Pam Gerard	Federick Brown	Anna Bergenstrable
Curtis Burns	Cynthia Davis	Gerald Preston	Marilyn J. McNeely
Joshep Stine	Heather Stine	Lucy Ward	Johnnie Downing

2. **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Council President Nadine Stokes

*Do Minutes have any corrections or additions. A copy of the minutes unavailable at this time. This motion to be completed at the October meeting.

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

August Income $18,299.02 Expense $12,967.64 = Gain of $5,331.38
YTD Income $242,115.99_ Expense $243,564.34 = Loss of $1,448.35

Motion to accept Financials as is until audit: Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion 2nd by: Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried unanimously with All in Favor with Councilman President Nadine Stokes & Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: _None.

BUSINESS;

A. **Sheriff's Department**: Lieutenant Julie Volwinkle.

Lieutenant Volwinkle put out paperwork for the audience about Spam crime. Lt. Volwinkle also stated that on a slow month for us her department would like to do a Crime Prevention mini educational course during the meeting. She also noted that they had a very Pro-Active Detail targeting problem areas in Town during August. Pastor Evans also noted that there was a noticeable change in the area that he has been concerned with.

911 Hang Ups – 8	Citizens Assist – 9	Noise Complaint – 1	Written Reports - 3
Alarms – 4	Follow-ups – 5	Security Checks – 54	Suspicious Incidents - 5
AOA – 12	Traffic Stops – 27	Traffic Citations – 2	Sex Offender Verifications - 2
Civil – 2	Traffic Arrest – 1	Trespassing - 1	

B. **Code Enforcement:** Council President Nadine Stokes, covered by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell.

1. **Geribon property. –** To be revisited, to see why Marion County will not continue as we pay them to do so.
2. **Brewster property. –** To be revisited in the future
3. **Law property.** – The insurance company is done and the Law's are waiting for them to pick up the RV.
4. **Shelby Erectors. –** Can be tabled until work on road is started/done.

***A motion was made by Councilman Lucy Ward to table the above until additional information is received. . The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes & Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.**

Road Work/Street Maintenance: Councilman Shirley Youmans. Council Youmans was running late Nothing new, still waiting for clean-up date and road scraping date.

Street Lights: Councilman Shirley Youmans. 16 Street Lights out reported to office. All called in by Councilman Lucy Ward. She also found an entire block that had lights out and lights covered by so many vines that you can't even see the light. At first she was told that they were not Duke street lights. But upon more phone calls got them fixed and has requested a list of the town's lights with their numbers and addresses for future use. Councilman Ward. Got a response back about the light poles covered in vines, etc. She was given a Claim#63426015. They Said that it could take several weeks. I do hope that they mean to go through the entire town doing the trimming. They said that we have to call ever year to have the poles/light trimmed. They also said that the Town has not reached out to them in several years. If we don't ask, they don't volunteer. So please as a town help us to keep an eye out for this, so we can have this trimming done yearly. Clerk Sweetalla is tarting an events calendar for items that must be done on a certain date throughout the year. This will be added to the list as an annual item to call in a clean-up & vine trimming request along with a pole count and update request.

OLD BUSINESS: *Several of these items need to be tabled.

A. **Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.:** Verizon -Nothing New
Badges: New Copies Needed of most of the Council's photos. The last ones were not usable
Oaths of Office: BJ's has nothing like what we wanted. Checking elsewhere.
Microphones: Best Buy -$109.00, Clerk Sweetalla went to Best Buy to speak with the experts. The one for $109.00 does not come with a speaker and a separate one would have to be purchased. They range from $150 - $430. They also have smaller microphones that work with the system that snap on your collar for $30 each.
Will the Council approve buying a mid-grade speaker system and (2) of the microphones for now.
A motion was made by Councilman Andrea Barnes to make the purchase. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Lucy Ward. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes and Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.

New Front Door Lock: Curtis Burns and Bill Hickey came back on 8/26/2026 to work on the new digital lock system. It was found out that the brick wall by the front door is blocking the signal from the wi-fi box in the office. They were able to get it to work but it is very slow and inefficient. Therefore, it was suggested that we buy a wi-fi extender. They are not very expensive, so one can be purchase by Clerk Sweetalla from an outside source for around $50.
A motion was made by Councilman Andrea Barnes to make the purchase. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Lucy Ward. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes and Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.

B. **Reddick Fellowship Day – Where Neighbors can become Friends:** Jacob & Katie Sherwood are heading the committee. Mayor Sherman has been working with them and others to make a flyer and try to get donations from Reddick & Ocala businesses for door prizes & some of the games. She hopes to have a cake walk, and other games. All cake & gift card Donations are welcome. Mayor Sherman to speak on the event. The email address is: ReddickNeighbors@Yahoo.com. Jacob & Katie are unable to be here tonight as their Sitter feel through due to unforeseen circumstances due to cancer test on Katie's step-dad. Katie has talked with the Mayor about the plan over the phone. The event is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd, 2026. Mayor Sherman has been contacting Businesses, Churches, Etc. concerning attendance, volunteers and donations. The Mayor is gearing towards 300 people. Channel 20 has said they would be at the event. The Mayor is also asked to get Ocala Star Banner to do a cover story on the event as well. Lt. Volwinkle is looking into having police presence there as well. The school board will be contacted by Clerk Sweetalla about parking in the area in front of the Library. There will be sign in forms, wrist bands and whistles for the children in case of emergency situations. Cake Donations list is started.

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 few months. Should be tabled until zoning changes are done.

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 has reached back out to the parks department concerning this again.

E. **Additional Bank Account:**
Kyle Yancy & Travis Magamoll from SeaCoast Bank approached the office in May 2026 for a secondary bank account. On hold until later. Should be tabled

F. **New Grocery Store Proposal:** Mr. Graham. Nothing new for now. There is a lot of paperwork involved. Ground breaking should start around March 2027. Should be tabled until March or any new changes occur.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Marion County Growth Services: Resolution corrected, signed and sent in to Ken Odom's office**. Clerk Sweetalla has reached out to Ken Odom's office to find out when the first meeting is scheduled as well as the future monthly meetings. The meetings are to be attended by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell and Councilman Lucy Ward. They have not gotten back with us yet about monthly or quarterly meeting times and dates.

B. **Renasant Bank:** We have completed all of the forms needed to add Council President Pro Tem Martha Cromwell as another signer on the current checking account with Renasant Bank.

C. **Community Center Rental Deposit Refunds & Church Rental Price:** A new Contract is still 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. In the August meeting, it was discussed that new price could be $100, but neither of those amounts were actually voted on. We need a motion and a vote. No Church services are allowed due to State Laws concerning separation of Church & State Affiliations. Someone also suggested adding a sound system to be available for Community Center Renters at a cost with a separate deposit of $200.00
A motion was made by Councilman Lucy Ward to change the rental price for churches to $100.00. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes & Councilman Shirley Youmans being absent. Opposed: None.

D. **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 for no reason.** Micheal has been asked to attend the September Council meeting concerning his contract per the board's request. The council is not happy with the work that has not been getting done. We have received a copy of the Insurance certificate for Squeekie Kleen for GL and Auto but currently no Work Comp Insurance for the employee nor W. Comp exemption form for the owner. 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. Thus far we have only received one bid. A window was broken when the lawn was mowed at the community center last week. The expense of a glass being installed will need to be taken care of by Mr. Henderson. No voting done at this time. A letter needs to be sent to Mr. Henderson/Squeekie Kleen listing the concerns of the council and town.

Michael was unable to attend the September meeting. A motion was made to move to

E. 2026 – 2027 Town of Reddick Budget Review Number Two / Final . Budget to be presented by Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. Council Cromwell will read over key points of the Budget. The Budget has been reviewed by the Town's Accountants (Crippen, Matt White) and former Town Clerk (Ms. Margie Stroup). The state requires that municipalities adopt a new budget during their September Meeting.
A motion was made to accept the Budget Final Draft #2 (for September) by Councilman Andrea Barns. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Lucy Ward. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: None.

F. **Reddick Park Pavillion verses the Maintenance Fund**: Laura Cooper contacted us again with and a new MOU proposal written for the Maintenance. A Contract has been received to be signed tonight along with a letter on Town Letterhead. ARPA funds to be used $45K, was voted on in May of 2026 to be used for the maintenance. The 2nd MOU was signed by the Town of Reddick and is in motion. We will be waiting for the invoice to get this finalized before year end.

G. **Interfaith Food Bank: Councilman Lucy Ward.** Interfaith had called a few months back and wanted to set their Food Bank back up in front of the Library. I gave them the contact information for the Marion County School Board. However, no one ever gave them permission to set up. They would like to set up across the street from the community center in the shaded area once a month. They are looking at 3 organization to bring in food monthly. They will get back with Councilman Ward after their meeting in September to let us know how often they can set up. Mayor Sherman agreed that this is a good idea. Some of the specifics need to be worked out with insurance/ Interfaith, Etc. This has been put on hold until additional information has been received. Mayor Sherman asked if other items like hygiene products and clothing be given out as well. We would also need to know if they just drop off the food and Reddick has to organize parties to hand the food out or if Interfaith handles the entire process.

H. **More Trees Down in August: Councilman Lucy Ward & Councilman Shirley Youman's.**
Mr. Garrison cleaned up two of the areas. 8/18 – 15125 Street and 8/21 148805 NW 42nd Court. On 42nd Court, Friday night during a rain storm Councilman Ward coordinated with several of the residents in the area that came out in the rain to clear the road for passage as 5 – 6 families were either blocked in/out of their homes. We would like to give them a letter of thanks. There is also a tree still down on 152nd Court. Councilman Youman's reached out to Marion County as this is one of their roads to clean up. So hopefully, before the week ends they will get that tree cleared from the road. Clerk Sweetalla to call again.
Councilman Ward brought up the "Good Neighbor" law, this is a State Law, not a Reddick Law. From what we understand the person that is concerned about the tree or trees in question must notify the person that owns the tree in writing that it is damaged. If they do so then the owner is responsible. However, a licensed arborist must examine the tree in question and provide a report about the physical shape of the tree.

I. **Curtis Burns one of the owners of PolyFlex Horseshoes in Reddick. This concerns the Railroad Property and the closed road behind PolyFlex.** Some of the residents of Reddick have been given the old railroad property to go with their property. Mr. Burns would like to know how to get that done as well. Hopefully, Jacob Sherwood can supply him with the name of the person that he spoke with about his property. Mr. Burns would also like to know if he could obtain the small section of the closed road being NW 42nd Terrace to be included into the PolyFlex property as the road does not go through. Trees have completely overgrown the road and the entire area is being used by someone as a place to dispose of their trash. Mr. Burnes would fence in and maintain the area to clean up that area of town. Mr. Burns called the Rail Road company

and they swear that he already owns the property and they do not. They stated that they also do not pay the property tax on any of the old RR property, but Marion County still shows the property belonging to the RR. That was the agreement that the town of Reddick had with the Rail Road as well. Councilman Ward

believes that the small wedge in question belongs to the Livingston family or that is what they told Councilman Ward in September, 2025.

A motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to type a letter for Mr. Burns stating that the Town of Reddick not has no objections to him pursuing the RR property and that they approve the pursuit of the property being obtained by Mr. Burns to clean up and fence as the property is currently being misused as a dump. They town also approves that Mr. Burnes trying to obtain/purchase the small section of NW 42nd Terrace. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in Favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: None

J. Animal Control: Please continue to call your complaints in to the office as well as the proper Animal Control Division. There has been an entire page added to the Town of Reddick web-site and posted on both the front and side doors. If complaints are not properly registered they cannot move forward and do something about the animals. They may have to be called several times and to have multiple people complain before they can take adequate action. Remember, we are paying $2,983.00 for this service annually. Clerk Sweetalla is to contact Animal Control about the upcoming contract for 2027 and request a detailed invoice as to exactly what it is to cover.

K. **Web-Site for the Town of Reddick:** Clerk Sweetalla has sent in Multiple updates to the Web-site. Please everyone check it out to see it they notice any other items that need to be changed/updated/added.

L. **Council Duties:** Councilman Lucy Ward is getting up the contact information for each of the Councilman's Duties. She hopes to have them all ready by the October meeting. This will help to make the Town of Reddick, run more smoothly as well as the lives of the Council and Clerk. Councilman Ward has been keeping a notebook of the duties that she has performed since her appointment. She has also been typing up a condensed report about each of the duties that she has helped the office with. This contains dates, contact information and what the outcome has been for all. This is a very nice system that would truly benefit the council and office and would help another council member to step in should something happen to the council member heading up any specific duty or should they need to be absent for any reason. No vote to be done.

M. Carmen Acevedo. In front of Fernando Perez Landscaping burning from 9:30 am until 10:30 pm. Ms. Acevedo is just outside of Reddick but is elderly and asthmatic. Does anyone know who she should be speaking with about the problem that she is having. Councilman Andrea Barnes suggested that she call Marion County Code Enforcement. Clerk Sweetalla will pass along the information.

N. Mayor Myra D. Sherman: Open Agenda to address the floor. The Mayor addressed the audience during the Fellowship Days Agenda. *Special notation - Mayor Sherman has been on the Council for 5 years.

O. Golf Cart Issues: This was brought up during the meeting by one of the attendees. We need to see if Reddick has any ordinances against the Golf Carts being used on Reddick Roadways. They believe that they are supposed to be allowed on roads that are not over 35 miles per hour. This would not include county roads. However, you are supposed to be able to cross over a county road to reach another town owned road. Several of the townspeople have been stopped on Reddick roads by Marion County law enforcement. They have been given warnings, but no tickets have been issued. They were told by the officers that you must be at least 18 years or older or must have a valid Driver's License and be at least 16. Clerk Sweetalla to check with Williston about their Golf Cart ordinances because they do allow some Golf Cart travel on their city streets.

Lime Pits: The lime pits off of CR 316. They are staring early and stopping late and running the roads in town on CR 316, they are not supposed to drive there. They are making pot-holes everywhere. Councilman Ward

has already checked into this. As long as they start at daylight and stop at sunset they are within the proper working parameters.

P. **Pickle Ball:** One of the attendees requested that the town obtain the poles and line out the Tennis Courts With tape for the townspeople to play pickle ball. The post cost around $150.00. The entire court needs to be resurfaced but the cost has been quoted at around $80K. The person wanting the pickle ball court can do some further research into the cost and we can see if this is a feasible endeavor for the town. I apologize; I did not get your name. Please call the office to discuss this further.

The Meeting adjourned around 8:15 pm