MINUTES FOR THE REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN OCTOBER – 7:00 PM – D1-Final

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

Council Present: (7)

Myra D. Sherman, Mayor
Nadine Stokes, Council President, Seat #5
Martha Cromwell, Council Pres Pro Tem, Seat #3
Teresa J. Sweetalla, Town Clerk
Shirley Youmans, Councilman, Seat #4
Andrea Barnes, Councilman, Seat #1
Lucy Ward, Councilman, Seat #2

Absent: None

GUESTS: 12

Carl Sherman	Stephanie Roberts	Cathy Kuhl	Brian Kuhl
Curtis Burns	Bob Law	Kim Law	Grady Stafford
David Glynn	Shari Thomas	Shannon Kost	Michael Henderson

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

*Do Minutes have any corrections or additions: Minutes for August & September to be accepted.

A motion was made by Councilman Shirley Youmans to accept the both of the minutes as is. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barns. The motion carried with All in favor with None being absent. Opposed: None.

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

September Income	$16,618.05	Expense $12,019.76	= Gain of $4,598.29
YTD Income	$243,119.29	Expense $242,601.88	= Gain of $517.41

Motion to accept Financials as is until audit: Councilman Shirley Youmans. Motion 2nd by: Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried with All in Favor with none being absent. Opposed: none

BUSINESS;

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

911 Hang Ups – 2	Citizens Assist – 7	Assist Other Agency - 1	Suspicious Incidents -1
Alarms – 2	Follow-ups – 2	Security Checks – 47	Missing Person -1
Civil – 1	Traffic Stops – 12		

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

1. **Geribon property.** – *Tabled. To be revisited in the future
2. **Brewster property.** – *Tabled. To be revisited in the future
3. **Law property.** – *Resolved. They also opened the old Reddick road to gain access to the back of their property
4. **Shelby Erectors. –** *Tabled. To be revisited in the future when work on road is started/done.

Motion to table the above Code Enforcement items until new information is available: Council Pro Tem Martha Cromwell. Motion 2nd by: Both Councilman Shirley Youmans & Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried with All in Favor with none being absent. Opposed: none

C. **Road Work/Street Maintenance**: Councilman Shirley Youmans.

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

D. **Street Lights:** Councilman Lucy Ward

Councilman Ward and Clerk Sweetalla meet with Jonathan Sangiorgio from Duke Energy on Wednesday 9/30/2026 at the Community Center. Mr. Sangiorgio complied a very detailed list of the Street Lights that the town of Reddick has been paying for. There were 31 that had to be field verified. Several of those were not Reddick Street Lights and are to be removed from our billing. There are even more that should be charged to Marion County. Jonathan and Councilman Ward spent 3 plus hours driving the town checking the street lights. He had already found 23 street lights prior to coming out that he believed should not be on our bill. There were Around 27 Street lights that required some sort of corrections on them. It was a very time-consuming effort on His part and Councilman Ward's, but when it is all corrected, we expect to be able to see a significant savings on the Street Light power bill. The bill currently runs between $1,535.02 and $1,800.18. It is always higher during the winter due to shorter daylight time. Duke will be coming out to do the cleaning on the upper portion of the power poles. Some hanging yellow wire on the poles belong to Comcast. We need to contact Comcast to have the non-working wires removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.
It the Council will get me some good photos tonight; I can wrap this up this next month. I still don't have all.
Oaths of Office: BJ's has nothing like what we wanted. Checking elsewhere.
Microphones: Best Buy was unable to supply us with a system that could eventually accept 8 microphones. So after much deliberation between supervisors and staff, they recommended that we go to the Guitar Center Clerk Sweetalla did so, The quote for 4 microphones with a system that worked together was over $1,800.00 We would have to buy 2 systems from the to get the final total of 8 microphones. This is unacceptable. We are checking elsewhere with the system information quote provided by the Guitar Center. We are also checking to see if possibly a Karaoke system will work for us. Clerk Sweetalla will also reach out to other municipalities around our size to see what they are using, their costs, etc. Hopefully, we will have some solid feasible pricing by the November meeting. Nothing to vote on until better pricing is received. Councilman Lucy Ward's son Leon is looking into a cost-effective way to get a microphone system
New Front Door Lock: The system works very well manually. Clerk Sweetalla has not yet purchased the wi-fi extender yet.

B. Reddick Fellowship Day: Theme, "Reddick – where Neighbors can become Friends". The big tent in the community center park was put up today (10/01/2026). There have been lots of donations. We hope to get letters out to recognize all of the generous people that have donated funds for the event. We hope and pray that the weather holds out for us. We are looking forward to what we hope will be an annual event. Mayor Sherman has gotten vendors for another food truck, 3 bounce house (Donated), Booths for the Hospital workers for health checks, Encompass Rehab, Elderly Care, 360 Photo booth, Chair Massage, Gospel Group singing. Lots of Food, Cakes for cake walk, Musical Charis Gift card raffle with sign in tickets. Ms. Vivian Tanis donated 20 watermelons. Every one signing in to be given a blank card to write down the names of 10 new people that you meet and speak with at the event. We will also honor one of the towns oldest residents, Mrs. Doretha Trawick (102 years). Saturday (10/03/2026) is also Councilman Martha Cromwell's birthday. Mayor Sherman has also unlisted support to set up from her Church and the detention Center. Councilman Andrea Barnes has dropped off donations of soft drinks and water. Katie Sherwood dropped of coolers of water and juice pouches. Tony Ward dropped of 2 large coolers of ice.

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. *Tabled

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 several times. She will continue to do so until we get a key.

E. **Additional Bank Account:**
Kyle Yancy & Travis Magamoll from SeaCoast Bank approached the office in May for a secondary bank account. On hold indefinitely. *Tabled

F. **New Grocery Store Proposal:** Mr. Graham. Nothing new for now. *Tabled

A motion was made by Council Pro Tem Martha Cromwell to table the following Items in "Old Business": C. (The Kimak's), E. (Additional Bank Account), F. (New Grocery Store). The motion was 2nd by Councilman Shirley Youmans. The motion carried with All in favor with none being absent. Opposed: None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Mowing Contract: Squeekie Kleen (Michael Henderson) currently has a contract. The contract is dated 10-16-2023 – 10/31/2029. But the contract also states that the town can cancel the contract at any time.** Michael was asked to attend the October 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. All of the council have received a copy of the contract prior to the meeting to review. Michael was sent an email with a copy of a certified letter that was also mailed to him as per the requirements of the contract. We did receive a copy of the Work Comp Exemption on Michael, but still no work comp coverage. Stephanie says that the guy helping with the trees (Ricky) is an employee not a subcontractor for them. The Council also has a copy of the certified letter sent to Michael. Michael would like the opportunity to address the grievances and be allowed to make the necessary corrections. A window was broken when the lawn was mowed at the community center during the last week of August. The expense of a glass being installed will need to be taken care of by Mr. Henderson. The window will be dealt with withing the next month per Michael. There is currently also a discretion about the area that was cut in the back of the community center without obtain an approval on the price. This area was supposed to be cut as part of the contract previously. Stephanie Roberts spoke for the company. She state that they have been working with Reddick for 14 ½ years. She went over the photos of items that were not their responsibility. She went over a list of Roads that they do and said she would send a copy of the list to the office. She Said that they had updated their information with Sunbiz on (9/23/2026) before I looked at it this week, so Sunbiz must not be updated with the new payment. All issues were not address and No votes was taken as to what to do about the situation. The town will be waiting to see if the items that were in the letter get addressed over the next month. *Grady Stafford also spoke concerning the trees hanging over road ways. He says that he is still available to do the tree service. His company is legal and licensed. He also fills Pot Holes. Prices can be negotiated if necessary. He will be bringing a card by the office. Stephanie asked that we take photos and notes of anything that we need them to address. If their crew does pile up any limbs, they will be picked up within a limited time. Please let them know if not done. If was suggested that Michael contact Lieutenant Volwinkle when the crew needs to cut in "The Hole". The insurance policies were also discussed and will be updated to meet what the contract requests.

Stephanie says that they only have 4 employees and will provide Work Comp insurance proof of coverage. Councilman Youmans said that 48th Avenue has not been cleaned/cut in about 4 years. To be revisited next month with notes on service.

B. **Reddick Park Maintenance Fund**: We are waiting for the Detailed Invoice. So that this can finally be closed out.

C. **Interfaith Food Bank: Councilman Lucy Ward.** We have not received adequate information on the Food Bank at this time. *Tabled.

D. Marion County Trees down in August & South Side City Limits Sign: *Resolved
Councilman Shirley Youmans & Councilman Lucy Ward
This took a group effort. Between both Councilman Youman, Councilman Ward and Clerk Sweetalla.
The County finally got the trees out of the road on 152nd Lane and County Road 316 the 4th week of September. They also fixed the City Limits sign that had been knocked over a few week earlier during the same week.

E. **Curtis Burns one of the owners of PolyFlex Horseshoes in Reddick concerning the Railroad Property and the closed road behind PolyFlex.** Clerk Sweetalla is to compose a letter is to be written for Mr. Burns concerning the properties per our meeting in September. Curtis and Dave walked the property where to put a fence to cut down on the trash being dumped in the area. By the time the survey was completed the fence was already up and 30' into the Railroad area. This should not be a problem once the RR property has been obtained. At that time the fence will be moved to encompass the previously owned RR property.

F. Animal Control: Please continue to call your complaints in to the office as well as the proper Animal Control Division. The dogs have caused problems again in September. They chased and terrified some children coming home from school. One dog bit a resident. He was able to be captured and picked up by Animal Control. He was too vicious for them to control and they had to put him down. Animal Control had to be called to the Elementary School this month as well because two of the dogs were on the school grounds. Some of the dogs have started running in a pack so stay diligent on watching for the dogs and watching the children around the dogs. Several residents including the school have filed "Affidavit" forms with animal control concerning their run ins with the animals. We do have a copy of a blank Affidavit at the office if needed. Clerk Sweetalla will also post the blank form on the Reddick web-site. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, Marion Animal Control will pick up, spay or neuter two of your cats at a time, and return at no charge. This is an effort to help to reduce the number of cats reproducing in the county. The current number of cats in the county are at an extremely high level at this time. The cats must be in wire cages, so that they can be given shots through the cages before removing them. Animal Control main phone# 352-671-8727

G. Council Duties: Councilman Lucy Ward has worked on getting up the contact information for each of the Councilman's Duties. She has made folders for all of the council with their contacts for their duties. Clerk Sweetalla also has a copy of these contacts, should anything happen to one of the councilman and someone else would need to step in and help with any of the duties. We hope that his helps each of the council as they have not had this information in the past.

H. Golfcarts & Side by Sides: Clerk Sweetalla has spoken with the Mayor of Williston. Willison has passed some ordinances to accept Golf Carts on the city roads and they are working on other ordinance to cross county and state roads. The Williston Clerk will be sending copies of their ordinances to send to our attorneys to review.

I. Windstream work previously done: The well for the Old Bank is still leaking. Jacob Sherwood had to cut off the pump to keep it from burning up. As of now there is no water to the old bank. Windstream will have to come back out to address the problem.

J. **Visibility blockage on Right of Ways: Per Councilman Shirley Youmans and Resident Shannon Kost.** The overgrowth of large weeds, tree limbs, milk trees, etc. is a huge problem when pulling into road ways in certain parts of town. A lot of the problem growth is starting from foliage that is rooted on homeowner property and hanging into the right of way. These are the responsibility of the homeowners. Council President Nadine Stokes recommended that we come up with the proper verbiage to ask these homeowners to take care of these problem area Three of the main problem areas are as follows: (1) Corner of NW 148th place & 43rd court. (2) Corner of Old Gainesville road & 48th Place, (3) Corner of 148th Place & 42nd Court.

K. **Mayor Myra D. Sherman:** Open Agenda to address the floor.

***The Meeting adjourned around 8:51 pm**