MINUTES FOR THE REDDICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2026 – FIRST THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER – 7:00 PM – D1-Final

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

Council Present: (7)

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

Absent: Nadine Stokes, Council President, Seat #5

GUESTS: 8

Valerie Funkey	Fondale Evans	Pastor Charles Pete	Joe Perry
Alphonso Lamar	Kim Law	Bob Law	Cynthia Davis

2. **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Council Pres Nadine Stokes, covered by Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell
*Do October Minutes have any corrections or additions: None
A motion was made by Councilman Lucy Ward to accept the both of the minutes as is. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. The motion carried with All in favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none.

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

October Income	$13,617.27	Expense $39,005.01	= Loss of $25,387.74
YTD Income	$243,329.54	Expense $239,729.64	= Gain of $3,599.90

*The October loss is due to the Annual Insurance Payment of $25,931.00

Motion to accept Financials as is until audit made by Councilman Andrea Barnes Motion 2nd by: Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried unanimously with All in Favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none.

BUSINESS;

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

911 Hang Ups - 1	Security Checks - 32	Domestic Disturbance - 5	Trespassing - 2
Alarms – 6	Civil Issues - 6	Citizen Assist/Other – 40	Traffic Stops - 16
Animal Control – 2 (both loose dogs)	Stray Animals - 2 (Loose Pigs / Loose Cow)	Assist Other Agency – 2 (Medical/Traffic Accident)	Gunshots Heard - 2 (1 person called 2x)

*No other neighbors heard the gunshots; there was tree work going on in the area.

B. **Code Enforcement:** Council President Nadine Stokes. Nothing new.

C. **Road Work/Street Maintenance**: Councilman Shirley Youmans.
Nothing new, still waiting for clean-up date and road scraping date. Clerk Sweetalla turned in roads to be serviced to the County on 10/14/26. She called back on 10/27/26 as they have not been done. She was told that the county is very behind on their maintenance. **Grady Stafford has turned in 2 quotes for review, but it has to be determined if the roads in question are roads to be serviced by the county**. NW 157th St (fill pot holes with asphalt, grade and repair curbing) - $1,200.00 / NW 41st Ave. Road (fill pot holes with lime rock & grade lime rock) - $800.00

A motion was made by Councilman Shirley Youmans to accept Grady's quote (pending if the roads in question are county roads). Motion 2nd by: Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried unanimously with <u>All in Favor</u> with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none.

Special thank you to Tevin Perry and his children who cleaned up around the stop sign at 155th Street behind Dollar General. Councilman Shirley Youmans sated that Michael Henderson's team needs to get to the corner by Club Charmont & 44th Avenue Road. Resident's have started cleaning up the areas North West of Town because the signs cannot be seen. Councilman Youmans also stated that many of the signs are so dirty or faded that they cannot easily be read. They need to be cleaned or replaced by the County. Also, Councilman Andrea Barns removed the big water tank that was dumped partially in the road on 155th street.

D. <u>Street Lights:</u> Councilman Lucy Ward

Councilman Ward has been in negotiations with Duke and spoken with officials up the chain until she got them to agree to do a refund for the past 3 years instead of 3 months on at least one of the lights that they have been getting double paid on. She will continue working with Jonathan until all of the street light billing is resolved. Duke has also been diligently working on getting their portion of the vines and foliage removed from the poles and power lines. Councilman Ward stated that the following street lights are still in question: 5 county road lights, another behind the Spanish Church off of NW 44th Ave, Road, and the light in front of the Post Office.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

A. Cell Phone Tower, Badges, Etc.: Nothing New
Badges: Clerk Sweetalla still does not have new photos of all of the council.
Oaths of Office: Still checking.
Microphones: Still waiting for more quotes
New Front Door Lock: Clerk Sweetalla has ordered the new Wi-Fi extender box. Curtis Burns spoke with Clerk Sweetalla about some of the boxes not working with the Town's system. So she cancelled the order & is brings one from home first. However, A 60' plus cord will have to be ordered.

B. Reddick Fellowship Day: Wonderful day! Great turn out! 230 people signed in! Possibly another 20 – 30 didn't sign in. Everyone there was excited about the day and hoped that this will be an annual event. Mayor Myra Sherman sends special thanks to Mr. Patel & other Business that donated. She will be thanking them in person.

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.

Motion to table Kimak issue until new information is available made by Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried unanimously with <u>All in Favor</u> with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none.

D. Reddick Park: Still waiting for bathroom keys. Ms. Laura Cooper has promised to get us the keys.

Motion to table Reddick Park keys until new information made by Councilman Shirley Youmans. Motion 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried unanimously with <u>All in Favor</u> with Council President Nadine Stokes 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.** Clerk Sweetalla is still waiting on a copy of the roads list from Stephanie. Some of the work is still not being done since the October meeting. The office is monitoring the items being done and not being done. Please report any grievances that the residents have about the mowing services. **To Date Not Done: Since July of this year the limbs that are being pilled around the trees in community center park were still not removed by the November meeting, even though it was discussed that it needed to be done by November during the October meeting. The area behind the community center, beside WF bank wall not cut when cmty. center yard was cut. Bushes and Flowers not trimmed at community center and Cmty. Ctr sign. Councilman Stokes The crew also mowed around any dropped branches on the right of ways in front of homes again in October. Also, Stephanie Rodgers from Squeekie Klean and Councilman Youmans did not meet up since the October 1st meeting to ride around together to look at the roads that need to be done. Broken Window: There has been a complaint about the window replacement being a scratched piece of plexiglass without asking if Plexiglas could be used instead of real glass. Also a complaint about the glue/caulk smeared onto the glass. Mayor Sherman suggested that we just get the plexiglass replaced with Glass as the plexiglass is unacceptable to all of the council and then just deduct the cost from Michael's lawn cutting invoice. The council also expected someone from Squeekie Klean to be at the November meeting to let them know that all of the issues had been taken care of, but they had no one at the meeting.**

Motion made by Shirley Youmans to not accept the plexiglass and have it replaced with glass at Michael's cost either to be done by someone that Micheal's hires or to be done by someone hired by Town of Reddick and to be deducted from Michael's next invoice payment. Motion 2nd by Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried unanimously with <u>All in Favor</u> with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none

Motion to accept Quotes for the Lawn Maintenance for the Town of Reddick made by Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried unanimously with <u>All in Favor</u> with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none *One quote received, 2 more needed.

B. **Reddick Park Maintenance Fund**:
The Marion County signers requested that the original MOU be sent to them to sign. We are just waiting for the Email with the signed copy. We are also waiting for the detailed invoice, so that this can finally be closed out.

C. **Animal Control:** Three of the dogs from NW 152nd Lane killed one of Cassie Ward's kittens and tried to kill the rest. Animal Control was already in town concerning those 3 dogs when they were called by the Sweetalla's about the kitten killing situation. The Sweetalla's could hear kittens screaming and the dogs viciously barking from their home. Animal Control and the dog owner's son came and got 2 of the dogs. The third and largest dog ran away. He told Animal Control that his mother, who owns the dogs was in the hospital and would be going into hospice. He was going to get her to let him release the dogs to Animal Control. It was noted by Councilman Lucy Ward that the dogs that killed the kitten have not been picked up as of yesterday (11/4/2026).

D. **Council Duties:** Councilman Lucy Ward is still working with Clerk Sweetalla on this. Councilman Ward turned in here duties completed list for the monthly files. No duties completed or turned in for the period from 10/1 – 11/5/20260. It was reported during the meeting that no duties performed by any of the other council members.

E. **Elections:** The Early elections started Thursday (10/22) and ended Saturday (10/31). Then there was election day (11/3). The voter tally for those days was as follows: (1) 304, (2) 270, (3) 210, (4) 132, (5) 320, (6) 285, (7) 255,(8) 310,(9) 311,(10) 388, (11) 34 = 2,819.00 voters. Clerk Sweetalla, Councilman Ward, Councilman Cromwell and Council President Stokes opened and/or closed the community center for the Elections Committee during the voting period. All council members and residents were pleased at the turn out for voting.

F. **Valerie Funkey spoke for herself and her daughter Shannon Kost. Shannon was out of town on business and could not attend the meeting.** They have been residences since 2006. They have made a complaint about the light shinning into their homes from their new neighbor Mark Wassef's property. It is a bright light set up high shinning directly into the Kost's home. Shannon has sent photos to the office. The glare from the light is horrible inside their home. Shannon texted Clerk Sweetalla a copy of the county ordinances on lighting. Clerk Sweetalla will look in the Reddick ordinances for anything additional about the lighting.

G. **Mark Wassef and his mother Cecil Abdu:** They have made complaints about their neighbors Thomas Kost and Ryan ? coming onto their property from behind the property at all times of the day and night. Which is why he says he has the bright light in his yard. Mr. Wassef nor his mother were at the meeting. Per Ms. Valerie Funky, she does not feel that She nor the Kost's are being unreasonable about anything. The town will check into the matter further.

H. Several letters are to be written for residents. All will also be pulling any necessary permits from Marion County for the work and following any necessary set-backs & guidelines set by Marion County.

1. **Mike Patel with the Good Luck Pharmacy.** To put a storage container behind the Pharmacy, so a UPS drop store can be put in the small area inside pharmacy building.
2. **Mark Wassef.** To put up a 6' fence on his property
3. **Daverly Belic & her son George White, who owns the duplexes beside the Post Office.** To upgrade the water tank shelters, to put in a swing set and picnic tables for residents at back of duplexes, to do some land trading with neighbors to even out plots. To put in nice sheds for mowers for residences and to put a fence at back of their property
4. **John Schumn:** To put a **p**ole barn behind his home and do upgrades on property.
5. **Curtis Burns / PolyFlex Horseshoes:** Letter concerning Rail Road Property, Closed Road Property, small corner property. To put up a fence to keep people from dumping trash on the properties.

I. Marion County Permitting: The town received a letter about the two mini-split heat/air units that were installed when Mayor Vetter was in office. Clerk Sweetalla went to the permit office to find out the information and what needs to be done. The work was done by Fredrick Franks in 2025. The permit was applied for but it was never paid for, nor pulled and no inspections done. The permit office deleted the old permit since it was not completed. She spoke with Mr. Franks. He came by the office today (11/05/26) and picked up copies of the Violation notices. He said that he would handle everything. He will go to the Permit office to repull the permits and get the proper inspections and get us copies of all. Clerk Sweetalla will reach back out to Mr. Franks to see How the permit and inspections are going.

J. Marion County Fire Code Dept. did all the businesses in Town in October: The inspector removed the stove eyes. She said that we would have to have the new stove hood that has its own built-in fire extinguisher installed to keep the stove-top eyes. However, we were fine to use the oven and/or a hot plate. Also, our 2 fire extinguishers were expired. Clerk Sweetalla took them to be updated (11/04/2026). One was too old, but the Marion County Inspector said that we only needed one. The oldest extinguisher expired in 1997. The old fire extinguisher along with the 3 old metal napkin holders will be taken to the dump by Clerk Sweetalla .

K. Shand's Nurses: Three young Shand's nurses came out during the first week of October for an interview and survey on the town. They were going to all of the small towns in Marion and Alachua County to see what the towns needed and what Shand's could do to help.

L. Training & Reports: There was a new 4-hour live on-line Ethics training class on 10/14/26. Would anyone that took the class please get their testing certificate to the office. There was also an emergency training class that Council Pres Pro Tem Martha Cromwell took in October. Councilman Cromwell is now a trained "Weather Spotter".

The number of reports being requested from Clerk Sweetalla this month has been non-stop. Florida State, Marion County & Florida League of Cities. Multiple reports completed, multiple more reports to do. Clerk Sweetalla is compiling an annual calendar for all of the reports required to be completed for all municipalities. The list is not yet complete and it is quite overwhelming. Clerk Sweetalla will ask former Clerk Stroup to look over the list to see how many new reports have been added. Also, as of today, the Towns website email is down and the Windstream email is down. This will be checked on by Bryan Stroup next week.

M. Kitchen & Closets & Bathrooms: The microwave has stopped working. Clerk Sweetalla left it unplugged all night. It will not work. Another paper towel holder was purchased for the kitchen to help cut down on the paper towel usage. A large bag of charcoal was purchased for chair closet to help absorb the moisture. You can smell the mold when you open the door. Mirrors needed for both of the bathrooms. Mirrors will not need to be purchased as both Kim Law and Curtis Burns said that they will donate mirrors.

Motion made by Councilman Andrea Barnes to buy a new heavy-duty microwave, an air fryer and possibly a hot plate (depending on how it works). Motion 2nd by Councilman Lucy Ward. Motion carried unanimously with All in Favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none

N. Floor Waxing: Pastor Charles Pete has offered to help Mrs. Florence Williams wax the floors in the community center. Some more supplies will need to be purchased. Rinse Free Floor Stripper (2) and more Wax (1) and Stripper Pads (3). Pastor Pete will speak with Ms. Flo Williams prior to the meeting to decide on a price. Pastor Pete was at the meeting tonight and gave Clerk Sweetalla the price of $700. However, he had to leave before we got to this section.

Motion made by Councilman Shirley Youmans to accept pricing provided by Pastor Pete and Florence Williams for floor waxing in the amount of $700.00. Motion 2nd by Councilman Andrea Barnes. Motion carried Unanimously with All in Favor with Council President Nadine Stokes being absent. Opposed: none
***The council suggested to not rent the Community Center for at least a week after the waxing.**

O. **Mayor Myra D. Sherman:** Mayor Sherman addressed the floor. She would like to start updating the Community House. She would like photos of Mayor Stroup and herself added to the photos of the Mayors. She would like to add photos of some of the towns long term or honored residents, like Doretha Trawick who is 102 and was honored at the Reddick Fellowship Day. She would also love to see photos of some of the towns honored former teachers and maybe some more of the Town's History. Mayor Sherman is also still working on the two Grants (1) for sidewalks near the school & library routes and (2) to help with Reddick's homeless population. She is hoping to obtain a facility for the homeless or at the very least a place for them to shower or get cleaned up to stay healthy. It was stated that maybe Marion County could help with one or both of these issues.

***The Meeting adjourned at 8:14**

*People were asked to stay and help put away the chairs for the meeting