

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2019**  
**6:30p.m.**

Mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk called the roll, Council members Casey Whitman, Levoneia Ayers, George Ragland, Marvelene Freeman and Mayor Mary Caudle. Council member Zach Atchley was absent. Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present.

Motioned by Ragland to approve the minutes dated Sept 23, 2019, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ragland made the motion to change the regular order of business, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matthew Balch who has an agreement with the Town was sworn in as the Municipal Judge by Attorney Caleb Ballew.

Mayor stated Lewis Graham has purchased the Malone property and he's interested in bringing in a business to our town and she has asked him to come and present to the Council about his business and what he does.

Mr. Graham began by stating he and his business partner founded a company called GeoCue back in 2003, 20% of the company is owned by the employees. He stated it's a private company focused on engineering technology. They started in the business with airborne laser scan a technic used for flood plan mapping. They are also involved in enterprise data management where they build different kinds of technology for managing GEO special data. They currently have a contract with Teledyne Engineering to do data management for a system they have on space station and they have a nationwide contract with Department of Agriculture to manage their data for agricultural monitoring. In 2014 they started the drone mapping business. That's what brought them to Triana. Surveyors use some of their equipment and they have done business with the Dept. of Transportation and City of Madison. They need area to fly their drones at 160 feet. The facility they have cannot accommodate the machine they use. He and his wife plan to build a facility and lease it to the company. They plan to build a 15,000sqft building, 10,000 office space and 5,000sqft high tech facility. They will also have a training facility. They have purchase 7acres, the old Triana Industries property and the land where Triana Fire Department was located. They would like for Town of Triana to sell the remaining property on the end of their property on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to use as a buffer, about 2.5 acres. They are slowly expanding and will have some opportunity to hire some people. They feel like they can make a difference, want to start building right away in 2020.

Ms. Ayers asked would the Police Department have access to the training for drones.

Mr. Lewis stated they would be more than happy to do that.

Mr. Whitman stated his concern is that there's a sewer lift station on the corner.

Mayor stated if we need to expand that land for the lift station we could.

Mr. Ragland stated the Grays family asked to purchase the land to use for parking but was told the land was not for sale. He feels they should have the first right to purchase land.

She is in agreement with this company coming to Triana purchasing the land to build a facility and maybe hire some people here.

Ragland stated the Grays family/Underground has been here for 50 years and if they want to extend their business for a parking they should.

Mayor stated she does not want to sale the land for just a parking lot that would be wasted green space and industry. Her only concern is where the pump station is.

Ragland asked the Mayor what the land on 6<sup>th</sup> Street was selling for.

Mayor stated the land will sell at the same cost as land in the Industrial Park.

Whitman stated the land Mr. Lewis owns and the land Town owns on 6<sup>th</sup> Street is zoned M-1 which is manufacturing.

Ragland stated zoning can be changed.

Mayor welcomed Mr. Lewis here and hopes the town can be make an access to their company.

Mr. Lewis stated they have been in business for a long time, they're looking for a new home, they like it here and they just want to be a part of the community.

Freeman thanked him for coming out and stated we would love to have him be a part of the community.

Motion by Ragland to return to the regular order of business, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Trying to rap everything up to move forward on the gym project.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Police Dept., traveled 1542 miles, made 26 traffic stops, 14 warning citations, 13 citations, 18 calls for service, 0 arrest and 7 reports.

Chief had persons to come in interested in the police officer position; we have agreed to hire two full-time and one part-time officer.

Mayor reported she has received calls from concerned parents about cars going around the school bus in the morning and afternoon. She asked chief to do a split shift.

**Finance:** Chairperson Ayers presented the Bank Reconciliation statement ending September 30<sup>th</sup> for approval. Motioned by Ragland to approve the Bank Statement, Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Ragland asked Mayor Caudle for a copy of the budget.

Mayor stated at last meeting it was stated everyone should go back and review budget and to submit comments or additions then we would bring it together.

Ragland stated we are going to need a pickup truck and riding mower, also Wayman Ayers is leaving the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We will need a maintenance crew.

Mayor stated we have been advertising.

Ragland stated he will no longer read the master meter or do the chlorine testing after October 31, 2019.

**Utility:** No Report

**Park & Recreation:** Chairperson Freeman reported this Saturday is the Historical Society's event, looking forward to everyone coming out to support it. Program will start at 10:00a.m.  
Asked for a load of dirt to be brought to the bottom of cemetery.

**Streets & Cemetery:** No Report

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-05, giving the Mayor permission to enter into a construction/rehab repair agreement with Premier Construction for the Triana gym, seconded by Whitman. Roll call vote, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, Ragland-yes, Freeman-yes and Caudle-yes.  
Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Freeman stated the end of Ervin Lane needs gravel.

Motion by Ragland to change the 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting date in November to the 12<sup>th</sup>, Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Work session scheduled for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6p.m. to discuss possibility of selling land to a business developer.

**Public Comments:**

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor or Chair Pro Tem