

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 26, 2021**  
**6:30p.m.**

The mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call, Council members Erica Hopkins, Jason Garstka, Levoneia Ayers, Casey Whitman and Mayor Mary Caudle. Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Council member Ragland arrived late and was given time to review minutes. Discussion on rental of facility. Mayor stated minutes are transcribed directly from the recording. Motion by Council member Ayers to approve the minutes dated July 12, 2021. Council member Garstka seconds the motion. 1-no, motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Submitted to the American Rescue Act for the Covid Grant to assist the sewer project. We were approved for 112K, we will get half now and the other half next fiscal year.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to two outside fires, two fire alarms and 10 emergency calls.

Mr. Ragland stated town needs more firemen we are short of volunteers. We have 1 paid Fire Chief we need at least 3 more firemen.

Mayor stated until the council approves for her to hire firemen, we will not.

Motion by Council member Ragland to hire 3 part-time firemen, to discuss where funding will come from at Committee meeting. Councilmember Hopkins seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Garstka-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-no and Caudle-no. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle stated until we decide where funds will come from no one will be hired.

Committee meeting scheduled for August 13, 2021 at 5:30p.m.

**Police Dept.** traveled 2,441 miles, made 13 traffic stops, 8 warning citations, 6 citations, 41 calls for service, 0 arrests and 3 reports.

Mr. Ragland reported the charger has over 100,000 miles we need to look at purchasing more patrol cars if we plan to hire more police officers. We had one patrol car that was hit by a deer.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins reminded council members to submit their wish list by August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the next fiscal year, committee meeting scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported sewer project is underway. The repair work on the lift station in Bingo parking lot was close to being finished.

Council member Ragland reported town had a major water leak look for an increase on the next water bill.

**Park and Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported they had a great response with the summer camp program, they averaged about 20 kids per day. This year they did not cap out at 20 kids they accepted some additional kids this last week from programs have closed. Next year they will do a close out on registration.

The part-time PRN person did begin working and she has been a big help. They are looking at doing an afterschool newsletter partnering with the library. Once the afterschool program has been established

and confirmed working with the mayor the actual hours of the part-time person will be set this will include open play for the children.

Camp ends this week on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> they plan to have a closeout party and possibly serve pizza.

**Streets & Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported branch in front of Yulista hiding the speed limit sign has been cut down. Speed cushions will be installed on August 15<sup>th</sup> on Ervin Lane weather permitting. Clerk was asked to purchase street signage poles.

**Resolutions, Ordinances Orders and Other Business:**

Attorney Caleb Ballew reported he had the survey done on the small parcel of land on Murphy Cir., that came in last week he plans to have deeds prepared later.

Mayor Caudle stated town's building inspector CEU training is coming up he has submitted a request to attend a COAA Education Conference this training is to maintain his certification. The estimated cost \$1673.00, this includes Hotel expense, Conference and mileage. Discussion.

Motion by Whitman to approve travel cost, training cost and mileage per diem for the Building Inspector from Aug. 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Ayers seconds the motion. Roll call vote, Ragland-no, Hopkins-no, Garstka-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes and Caudle-yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ragland stated we have a maintenance man that has been gone 1 year and we have two to three applications in the office. He stated we need to hire two more people to work in the Maintenance Dept. The workers we have worked hard they need help.

Mayor caudle stated she has already spoken with Mr. Ayers who has stated they have it right now. If we hired anyone it would be seasonal.

Council member Ragland made the motion to hire help in the Maintenance Dept. Motion died lack of a second.

**Public Comments:**

Pierre Fletcher, Park and Recreation Coordinator expressed his appreciation to everyone. He asked for council for funding, 300.00 to get hotdogs, chips and drinks to have a closeout summer program. Also, two bouncers from JUMP TO IT cost \$325.00.

Council member Hopkins asked who would be liable if a kid got hurt.

Mayor stated if it's a project the town is doing the city would be liable even if they sign a liability waiver.

Discussion on Town giving out tax deductible letters

Mayor Caudle stated she has not had to give out tax exempt letter to anyone since she's been in office, no one has ever requested a letter.

Council member Ayers reported that camps have been done every year. We did not do one in 2020 because of Covid but prior to then they have always done a camp of some sort. This is not the very first one and they have been done free with donations as given.

Motion by Council member Ayers for the Parks and Recreation minicamp to be given \$650.00 to help with the end of summer event for the children. Council member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Theresa Nelson asked what's going on in front of Savannah subdivision.

Mayor stated the last phase of the Savannah subdivision.



Mrs. Nelson reported grass needs to be cut at 320 Wall Triana Hwy.  
Mayor Caudle stated she will send the inspector out.

Roy Seay stated the Fire Dept. does not have substantial items they need to keep up with the growth of the city. He comes to the council meeting to make his voice heard. Town needs to do what it need to come together; we need to make it work. Still needs highway fixed at Landess Cir.

Marvelene Freeman asked for some clarity on renting the fees for gym to community.  
Mayor Caudle stated to rent gym is \$50.00 per hr. for an event.  
Ms. Freeman stated she agrees with Mr. Seay, the Mayor and Council vote and makes decisions. The citizens have an input on the decisions made we need to work together to make some progress.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Aug. 9, 2021

Sharon Humphrey  
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May Caudle  
Mayor or Chair Pro tempore