

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 8, 2021**  
**6:30p.m.**

Mayor called the meeting to order. The clerk was asked to call roll, Councilmembers George Ragland, 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.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Oct. 25, 2021. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Chief Powell has submitted paperwork for CPR/First Aid/AED Training for adults and pediatrics, up to 8 staff members can take the training at a cost of \$1200.00. American Red Cross will come here and conduct the class. The training will last 6hrs and 30min, certification is good for 2 years then you have to recertify.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. made 1 fire call and 11 emergency medical calls. Fire Dept. traveled 2249 miles, made 12 traffic stops, 11 warning citations, 2 citations, 33 calls for service, 0 arrests and 5 reports.

**Finance:** Chairperson Hopkins reported the Finance work session held on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> was very productive. She thanked everyone for participating in that. They got a lot accomplished. Discussed a possible sales tax increase in which could possibly add in \$100K+ in revenue which they could allocate for Fire & Police. Motion by Hopkins to have a Public Hearing on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 -6:30 to discuss the tax increase. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried. They discussed grouping the different committees to review budgets, the Admin and Utility Committee will meet on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM and Park & Recreation and Streets/Cemetery will meet on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.

Councilmember Ragland asked the mayor to explain about the Covid-19 money. Mayor Caudle stated the grant she submitted was strictly for sewer. Mr. Ragland stated the Finance Committee will meet on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM to discuss a one-time bonus for employees.

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported streetlights for Brookhaven and Riverslanding subdivision have been paid for. Contractors are still working on sewer lift stations upgrades. Looking at a couple of locations in the older parts of town that need street lighting will discuss them during budget meeting along with additional fire hydrants.

Councilmember Ragland stated we had a customer to pay for meter installation on Ervin Lane about a month ago and that meter is still not set. We are too dependent on Madison Utilities to install water meters. Clerk stated work order had been turned in. Mayor Caudle stated she will reach out to them on tomorrow.

**Park and Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported they were contacted by the Triana Warriors to utilize the gym on Wednesday, they were to see Sharron about filling out a facility use form to have about a walk-through practice for an 1hr1/2. The 6-youth football team are playing tomorrow night at 6:30PM

in Athens. If they win tomorrow then they will play on Saturday at Sparkman for the championship along with the 8 & under who will be facing East Limestone. They are encouraging everyone to come out and support them. The adult pickup basketball players are enjoying the gym but they have an issue with the floor being slippery. They're wanting to know if there's a possibility of purchasing a sticky mat to clean their shoes at the door this will help to take off the debris. Mayor Caudle stated there is nothing we can get to put on the floor. Ms. Ayers stated this is something that can be discussed further during committee meeting. Day Camp Monday-Wednesday 7am-3:30pm.

**Streets and Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported speed cushions have been installed on Ervin Lane and Harold Murphy Dr. Street signs are up warning motorist about speed cushions. Working on a quote to get a sign up on 6<sup>th</sup> & Zierdt Rd to prevent trucks from turning right onto 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Attorney asked about having a draft Ordinance to introduce the sales tax increase at the next meeting. Council in agreement.

Mr. Whitman, Chairperson Planning and Zoning reported they had their zoning meeting, the only item on agenda was a Realtor that had expressed some interest in acquiring or making available land to be purchased by investment developers in the Industrial Park. They described some concepts similar to Providence mixed use. The Planning Commission was not in favor of that idea no formal vote held. No one felt that was a wise thing to do. Councilmember Hopkins asked what was the reason behind why they felt it wasn't a wise decision. Mr. Whitman stated the land is restricted by use because of a grant town accepted back in the 90's and rezoning it would require the town having to get permission from ADECA or Federal Government whichever gave grant to the town. He talked about bringing 1,000 people to the area. Mayor stated they mentioned a concert, this would cause an increase in traffic brought to that area. Triana is not ready to handle that type of growth at this time.

Councilmember Whitman brought up the mask mandate he stated Madison County has dropped back under a threshold and the arsenal has taken away the requirement to wear mask for those that have been fully vaccinated. Mayor Caudle stated we have a sign posted saying that if you are fully vaccinated it's at your discretion to wear a mask it does not mandate anyone. The staff was asked to wear mask for their protection if they are in close proximity to someone.

Councilmember Ragland reported that Maureen Fearn a resident who lives on 6<sup>th</sup> Street is asking if the County could dig a trench for the water to flow down the street because when we a heavy rain her phone goes out. And also, the restaurant owner on 6<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be told to move trash cans off the road after trash has been picked up. Mayor Caudle stated he can also ask for the cans to be moved. She asked if the trench on 6<sup>th</sup> Street was clogged up, she will look into it.

**Public Comments:**

Marvelene Freeman thanked Mr. Seay for introducing and getting the signatures needed for the speed cushions on Ervin, she also thanked Councilmember Garstka. The speeding has gone down.

Ms. Freeman asked Mayor Caudle did she submit a grant for sewer only. Mayor Caudle replied yes. Mrs. Freeman asked if there was anything for the seniors to do in the Rec Dept. Councilmember Ayers stated there's senior walking inside the gym, the Coordinator is working on Bingo. Freeman asked if they could get something planned soon for the seniors to do not just walking because a lot of them can't walk. Ms.

Ayers stated she understands that. The Coordinator is in the process of working on something. Mayor Caudle stated he's lining up an instructor to do chair arobits and also lining up quilting classes.

Ms. Freeman stated town needs to work on it's Police and Fire Dept. She read an article about Triana being the fastest growing city in Alabama. If you have a great Police and Fire Dept. then you are growing. Roof tops in her opinion do not make you grow.

Brenson Parks who lives on Harold Murphy noticed the speed cushion sign was missing from the pole he asked that the pole be moved also.

Councilmember Whitman stated speed cushions were added to Harold Murphy Dr. so the sign was moved further down the street, workers will be asked to remove pole.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved Nov. 22. 2021

Sharron Humphrey  
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caudle  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore