

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022
6:30PM

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

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

Mayor Caudle's Report: Applying for a ADEAC Grant to do repairs to the restrooms in the park. Council Member Hopkins asked the value of the grant. Mayor stated you can get up to depending on what applied for in the budget. It's a \$500,000 grant requiring a 50/50 match. She stated the match could be in-kind or donations. Grant is due at the end of May. There's a lot involved, a letter of intent has to go out, a resolution has to be passed and a public hearing held. Hopkins asked if we were applying for the grant as a Town or partnership with the County. Mayor stated from the Town. She stated we have a permanent lease on the park we have to do the upkeep ourselves.

Town received another \$5,000 to go towards another car from Representative Mike Ball. We had a roof leak on this side of the building. Workers came out inspected roof and did some repairs. The clerk was asked to get a report on the work that was done. Roof is still under warranty. The maintenance workers are checking the rook weekly making sure there's no debris or trash blocking the drain. Thanks go out to the maintenance workers and Chief Shamond Hardin for cleaning off the roof and making sure drainage was open.

Council Member Hopkins asked do we know what caused the leak. Mayor stated we think it's because of water sitting and not being able to drain properly.

We sent out 2nd letters to residents asking them to clean their property.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 1 outside fires, 2 fire alarms and 19 emergency calls.

Police Dept. traveled 2066, 48 traffic stops, 31 warning citations, 25 citations, 33 calls for service, 2 arrests and 5 reports.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Statement ending March 31, 2022. Motion by Council Member Hopkins to approve the Bank Statement ending March 31st. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman stated we have developments going up on the North part of town, two new subdivisions coming on line. One is Evergreen Mill and the other we received plans for is the Foster Subdivision. In the design for the Foster Subdivision, they want to flow their sewer to Oregon pump station which at the limit. Work session set for next Monday,

May 2nd at 6pm. Mr. Whitman would also like to have the developers attend work session to work out a solution to the issue.

Council Member Ragland stated he brought this issue up a while back, stating that Fosters Drive pump station could not hold the sewer from the new development. He suggested we make the developers pay to install a lift station, see attached sheet for possible solutions.

Council Member Whitman stated Foster Dr. does has capacity to pump the sewer it's the Oregon Dr. lift station that does not. Mayor stated all of the subdivisions have lift stations and they were paid for by the developer.

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported they were hoping to revitalize the senior walking program next month in May. They are also looking to a lunch and learn with the seniors.

The afterschool program is going well and they are looking forward to the summer program, not sure about registration. Mayor stated she thinks they have about 6 kids in the afterschool program.

Council Member Ayers stated they were going to apply for the American Trails Grant but they were unsuccessful in gaining letters of support. They will try again next time. They had asked for an extension but without the letters of support with the grant application they were unable to submit. They will be ready for the next one.

Council Member Hopkins thanked Council Member Ayers for trying to get the letters. She stated June 4th is National Trails Days are the planning to do anything if not she asked could they plan something. Ms. Ayers stated she will get with her.

Council Member Hopkins reported that the librarian contacted her about doing a STEM) (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) night. They have been doing some kind of STEM outreach thing and she thinks it's a great idea. Ms. Hopkins stated she would love to coordinate a Triana STEM night. She can get support from her company and other people from the Arsenal to come out and set up for STEM activities. Also, this could be another way to get surveys completed. They are doing okay with the feedback from the survey. Ms. Ayers stated she will get with her on the planning.

Cleanup Day is scheduled for this Saturday morning beginning at 7am. Our Attorney's firm will sponsor breakfast.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka provided an update on speed the cushions, he stated 3 sets for Harold Murphy will cost \$6,385.00.

Mr. Garstka reported: Draper Dr. is missing a street sign. A couple of turn signs are missing on Landess Cir.

The County will pay for a mile of road to be paved. Mayor stated we have to asked them that's it's not guaranteed.

He asked council to start thinking about which streets need paving, he suggested 6th Street, Lakeside Dr. and Carr Lane. Mayor stated we will probably have to raise up 6th street before paving. Council Member Ayers asked when they come out could they think about repairing parts of Landess Cir. Near the curve. Mayor stated we can ask but with all of the construction they may want to wait. The County has two spots on Wall Triana to repair.

Council Member Ragland stated if you don't ask for help then they won't know you need it. Mayor stated the County has been assisting us with repairing our roads. She stated the quote 5 years ago was \$75,000 to do one side now its \$150,000. To do both would cost about \$300,000. This does not include striping or anything. Council Member Hopkins asked can we tap into the Rebuild Alabama Funds on our own and not with the County. Mayor stated we can tap into grants.gov, all of those require 50% matching funds. That's always been our issue. We have \$65,000 in gasoline funds. The way it's allocated, we get our portion through Census and population.

Council Member Ayers asked if Landess Cir. was considered two car width road or is it one. Mayor stated part of Landess Cir. is the responsibility of the County. When that part was annexed in part of the agreement was that they would help maintain Wall Triana and Landess Cir.

Council Member Ayers stated it's hard to drive down Landess Cir and realize this is what it's been forever, it didn't just start being like that. She stated the signage in the curve needs to be redone. Mayor stated she will reach out to our County Commissioner.

Council Member Garstka asked what's the best way to proceed, should they have a work session to discuss which streets need to be paved. Mayor stated with the addition of adding Landess Cir. we can ask that it be a priority and then add the other streets.

Council Member Hopkins recommended we create a priority list of streets to pave.

Mayor stated he's recommending we pave Landess Cir., Carr Lane, Lakeside then 6th Street in that order.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Ayers reported she had a meeting this week with Mayor Paul Findley of Madison and the administrator as it relates to her job. The discussion at the end was about them coming down to meet with the Mayor and Council. They're main focus is to do a Comprehensive Plan for 2045. She's on that Advisory Board, a lot of their discussion has been about controlling the growth in Triana. Her comment to that as it relates to controlling growth is that we have Ordinances and Resolutions in place as well as a zoning Commission and there are rules and regulations for that. She stated she feels like the mayor needs to make contact to determine if that is something we need to look in to.

Council Member Ragland stated we had several meetings a while back where we talked about getting rid of clubs. A work session was called for the purpose of discussing the Gladys property being sold and his comment was if someone come in and buys the Gladys property, they can put a club on it or if they don't do that then the club and garage would be a storage shed. The discussion continued and it was decided that they would grandfather them in. He stated he wants to have a work session to discuss grandfathering them in, rezone the property or tell them what they need to do.

Mayor stated in 2019 when the zoning was approved and he voted yes why didn't he say something then.

Council Member Ragland asked who annexed the Ebony Club in and made it commercial, who's idea was that. Council Member Whitman stated it was made commercial when they zoned it

originally back in 2019. Mayor stated the full council had several work sessions before the final zoning map was approved. She asked Mr. Ragland when it was brought to the council to vote on why did he vote to approve it then if there was an issue.
Work session scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 6PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roy Seay stated we all need to attend the County meetings, voice our opinions and be heard.

Fire Chief Shamond Hardin stated he was following up from the last meeting about them working 106hrs. Mayor Caudle stated they have not met yet; she stated the two of them needs to set up a meeting first. She suggested they make time this week.

Mr. Hardin stated council may want to talk about funding the fire house during their May 4th meeting since that's National Fire Fighter Day. He also stated they have everything taken care regarding the 501C3, he thanked Ms. Nelson and Mr. Seay for their help. He's still working on getting another fireman in, right now they're are competing with Madison and Huntsville.

Mr. Hardin stated he would like to see how they can get more benefits for the Fire & Police maybe set up a work session to discuss core ways to support the employees of Triana. Council Member Ayers asked what kind of benefits. Mr. Hardin stated schooling, tuition reimbursement, gym membership.

Mayor stated he already gets training benefits the town pays for all of their training. Council Member Ayers asked if he was talking about college credit courses. Mayor stated if we do college reimbursement for them, we would have to do it for the whole town.

Tearie Leslie stated she would like for the council to look at amending their Bingo Ordinance and delete electronic bingo from it. She is excited about Bingo in Triana, a place where people can go and be entertained. There is a place in Brighton, AL that brings in \$265,000 in revenue, they are able to do a lot things with that kind of money.

Ms. Leslie stated she has spoken with Ann Roy Moore about leasing her building pending all of the things be brought up to code.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved 05-09-2022

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Caudle