

**Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022**  
**6:30pm**

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

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

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Council Member Ayers to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2022. Council Member Ragland seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Ragland to approve the minutes dated March 25, 2022. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**Mayor Caudle's Report:** Public Hearing was held this evening for the park Grant with ADECA. We had a wonderful turnout. Thanked everyone for coming out. Plan on moving forward. We may have to call a special meeting to approve and pass a resolution. We will also have to get an estimated cost for the grant. We have comment cards for those who did not get to come to the Public Hearing. On the comment cards we ask that you complete and show your support for the grant.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Fire & Police:** Chairperson Ragland reported Fire Dept. responded to 2 fire alarms and 7 emergency calls.

Police Dept. traveled 2,527 miles, made 24 traffic stops, 18 warning citations, 7 traffic citations, 22 calls for service, 0 arrests and 2 reports.

**Finance:** Mayor presented the Bank Statement ending April 30<sup>th</sup> for approval. Motion by Council Member Whitman to approve the Bank Statement ending April 30, 2022. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

**Utility:** Chairperson Whitman reported street lights were up at the Crossings phase II Subdivision. Held a work session regarding sewer. Talked about moving forward on phase II sewer improvements. increasing the outward size of the Savannah West Sub-Station on Wall Triana going to the Madison Utilities outfall on Swancott. Discussed authorizing the mayor to move forward with the engineers to put together a bid package. Motion by Council Member Whitman to authorize the mayor to begin discussion with EOS Utility on the Savannah West sewer improvements. Council Member Garstka seconds the motion. Roll call, Ragland-yes, Garstka-yes, Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Mayor stated once they get a package together on the project, she will bring it back to council and set a bid date.

**Park and Recreation:** Chairperson Ayers reported on April 30<sup>th</sup> they had the town's cleanup day. They received several donations. Gary Grays from Beechel's Underground did food. Our Attorney sponsored breakfast and lunch. He also purchased water and snacks. Roy Seay did the cooking. Patricia Washington was also assisting. Fire Dept. was here on hand we had one small emergency. The Police

Dept. was here they road behind them. The librarian also came out to assist with cleanup. Ms. Blanche and Ms. Harris helped with suggestions to do better on their advertisement for next year.

Ms. Ayers stated they need to have a work session to get ready for the summer camp program and start of the senior program.

Council member Ayers reported they are in the process of communicating with the librarian in regards to doing a STEM Program (Science, technology, Engineering and Math). In doing so Mr. Whitman will be working on some rockets. She stated they will need some funding for this. They're looking to do 12 kits and motors to do a rocket build. They're asking for \$200.00 to go towards the financing of the rocket build for the STEM program on Friday. They're tentatively looking at June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Council Member Ayers to approve \$200.00 to go towards the purchase of the rocket build kit and motors. Council Member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Ayers stated work session will be on May 11, they will continue to work with the librarian to coordinate the date as with the football team and others.

Council Member Ragland asked if the park was ready for the kids to play in. Mayor stated there's one piece of equipment that needs repairing that we're waiting on the insurance. Everything else is ready.

**Streets and Cemetery:** Chairperson Garstka reported they are currently working signage for Landess Cir and other areas in the town. Have ordered a sign for Draper & Landess. Mayor asked that he order some extra poles with the next order.

Motion By Council Member Garstka to order speed cushions which includes material and labor cost, \$9,085.00. Mayor asked would this finish up Harold Murphy. Mr. Garstka replied yes. Council Member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

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

Attorney Caleb Ballew to review Resolution to be submitted with the parks Grant once it's drafted.

Council Member Whitman asked about volunteers to start spraying for mosquitos. Mayor stated we definitely needs need volunteers. Mayor stated volunteers had to be employed with the town to drive the city truck. Mayor caudle, Council Members Whitman, Ragland and Garstka volunteered to spray for mosquitos.

Council Member Ragland stated he was asked by residents from Landess Cir. would the mosquitos spray kill the white flies. Mayor stated the spray minimized them the last time. She stated last time she and Theresa Nelson called Madison and Huntsville to have them come and spray.

Council Member Whitman stated he had talked with the person who sells us the pesticide, he stated to him that it does kill them but the problem is the gnats are more active during the daytime and we're spraying during the night. Mayor stated the spray has come in and we will get on schedule.

Council Member Garstka asked if it was an option to move mosquito sprayer from the old ruck to the new on. Mayor stated we will.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Roy Seay stated he can't sit out sometimes at night for the mosquitos. He stated Huntsville City is supposed to be responsible for spraying. Mayor asked if he was talking about the gnats or mosquitos. He replied Gnats. Mayor stated the more people that reach out to them may help them to reply a little faster.

Madge Griffin stated the gnats get bad when the sewer is flipped.  
Mayor stated she will call them so they can be prepared to spray once they do that.

Roy Seay stated he heard talk of road improvements, he asked about Landess. Mayor stated they were asked to call the County; they're looking at it but that it's not going to be anytime soon. They also asked about 6<sup>th</sup> street. She stated the last quote the County received before Covid was half million. He will keep it on the forefront.

Beverly Love stated her concern is about the mosquitos and gnats. She stated they're very active now. She can't work in her flower garden because of the gnats. You can't cook because they come in your house through every crack. Something has to be done. She stated she called Town Hall today and was told they did not have anyone to drive the truck. She stated she will drive the truck for free. Mayor stated City of Huntsville is responsible for spraying for gnats. She stated the town does have spray for the mosquitos and the four of them would be spraying.

Sybrenna Harris stated expressed her concern with the internet in Triana. She has AT&T U-verse 10 and it bad.

Mayor stated one of the developers in the new subdivision is paying for a grant writer to help us write a grant to get the infrastructure and then hopefully we can partner with AT&T so we can expand. In addition to that she believes it will be pushed more because of the subdivision being right next to them. With all the new subdivisions we would be able to prove we have more houses and then they can provide another box. She stated we have been really trying. She stated we just signed another franchise agreement with WOW. Unfortunately, most of the lines are owned by AT&T. They have had meetings with natural gas to come further down Zierdt because we're building more houses and if it runs by, we should be able to hook on at no cost to the older ones.

She stated the more you call it shows an interest. We need to figure out how to get them to put something in the center of the town. She has even talked with Dave Hargrove, Regional Dir for AT&T he has even tried.

Thera Nelson reported the cameras have been installed but they're waiting for the monitors.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approve May 23, 2022

Sharron Humphrey  
Sharron Humphrey, Town clerk Treasurer

May [Signature]  
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore