

Town of Triana Regular Council
Monday, August 8, 2022
6:30p.m.

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

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

Approval of minutes: Motion by Council Member Whitman to approve the minutes dated July 25, 2022. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle Made the recommendation to go into executive session. Council Member Whitman made the motion to go into executive session. Council Member Garstka seconds the motion, time 6:32pm. Motion carried.

Council Member Whitman made the motion to return to the regular order of business. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion, time 6:47pm. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Dept. traveled 2001 miles, made thirty-one traffic stops, 23 warning citations, 10 traffic citations, 29 calls for service, 2 arrests and 7 reports.

Fire Dept. responded to 1 outside fire, made 4 emergency calls and 1 other.

Mayor Caudle reported she has everything in on the Fire Station Grant, need to sign final paperwork to submit application. She and the Chief had to reduce some of his wish list. The Fire station will still have two bays.

Finance: Mayor Caudle presented the Bank Stated ending July 31st for approval. Motion by Council Member Ragland to approve the Bank Statement ending July 31st. Council Member Ayers seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported the 1st scheduled outage for Landess Cir. as far as he knows went okay. The next one is scheduled for next Tuesday. He stated this is required for Contractors to attach the new subdivision to the water pipes that run down Landess Cir. The piping is 6-inch older material that takes more expertise to tap into the new 8-inch cast iron tube. The developers have contacted Madison Utilities to make that tie-end. Mayor Caudle stated she would like to thank everyone on that end on Wall Triana for their patience and for letting her know everything went okay.

Mayor Caudle reported we have about 9 water meters that needs to be replaced we may see a little increase in cost to get Madison Utilities to correct those.

Councilmember Whitman reported they have seen proof of payment for streetlights for Savannah Terrance phase 5 on the Wall Triana side.

Mayor Caudle reported Craigs Sweeney with EOS Utility will be setting up a meeting with herself and Casey to discuss the second phase of the sewer upgrade. She stated once she has that date, she will let everyone know when the meeting will be held.

Parks & Recreation: Mayor Caudle reported while working with Ms. Ayers they found a grant with the assistance of Senator Orr, a grant that another facility had applied for but did not have to use all of the funds. The Historical Society sent the information for the Veterans Park. She asked council to give her permission to apply for the grant estimated at \$4,500 to do the park. This includes clearing trees, leveling fence parking and the marker. She stated this is just an estimate they will have to bid it out because of the dollar amount.

Motion by Council Member Ragland to give mayor permission to apply for a Mountain Streams of Alabama Grant. Council Member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Ayers reported Horizon PTA will be having a Meet and Greet with the Principal, Dr. Demetria Freeman on Tuesday, August 23rd from 6pm-7:30pm. Behind the library. Their point of contact is Janes Robinson she is coordinating with the new intern Branch Manager Kim Holmes.

Ms. Ayers stated Katie Wiswald who is the Urban Community Forestry Partnership Coordinator has offered her assistance to us in the event we able to get our Beautification Board up and running. She will assist the town with doing the renewing of our Tree City USA Board if there's interest. She also stated if needed and time permits, she will come and do a short presentation on the benefits of Urban Forestry. Mayor asked the clerk to provide a list of members already serving on the board, and we will send them out a letter asking them if they are still interested if not then we will start appointing or asking for volunteers so we can move forward on that. Ms. Ayers stated the application process opens in September.

Ms. Ayers reported the Triana Warriors thanks the town as always for being accommodating. They are currently waiting on an actual season schedule. The (AYF) Alabama Youth Football Presidents meeting is this Saturday August 13th. The Triana warriors have 197 kids for football and cheer. They are aware that the town is waiting on a reply on the Park Grant they want to know if the town had heard anything. Mayor stated they will not hear anything until October. She plans to reiterate to them about them having to rent Porta Potty when the season starts.

Ms. Ayers stated she would like to state the town needs an additional person for our Recreation Dept. This summer we had our 1-full-time person, 1-part-time and a PRN that was called in. There was a lot of scheduling situations, she stated the mayor was having to come in from her job to work. She is asking for a Director for Parks and Recreation. A person to come in and work in a supervisory role to oversee where the town wants the department to go. This would include all programs athletic and educational. The salary for this position would be up to but not to exceed \$20.00hrly. Motion by Council Member Ayers that we post the position available as a Park and Rec Director. Council Member Ragland seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Ayers stated Park and Recreation is working on a bus stop. There has been some conflict with the library being the bus stop and the new principle at Horizon not being made aware. They are working to make sure that the children participating in the afterschool program are allowed to get off the bus at the designated stop. They have already spoken with Dr. Schrimsher who is over transportation, they are waiting for communication with Dr. Freeman as well.

Streets and Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported Street Committee held a meeting to discuss 6th & Zierdt Rd and the recent accident there. They want to provide more warnings to motorist at the intersection. He stated they decided to put Stop Sign ahead on the North & South bound and hopefully that will litigate accidents in the future. They also discussed putting a Yield sign at the Curve at Record & Zierdt. They believe a Yield sign will help with motorist not stopping at the Stop Sign.

Motion by Council Member Garstka to purchase two Stop sign ahead signs and a Yield sign at Zierdt & Record. Council Member Ragland seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ragland stated we lost thousands of gallons of water from a water main break on Landess Cir. Mayor stated if you know of or see a water leak to contact her or the council, it is cheaper to call in an emergency leak and have it repaired than to let the water run all night.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Caudle reported we had to fill out a form with the State on releasing the patrol car. We are waiting on a reply before we can sell the vehicle, we will hold off for one more meeting so we can do it all at one time.

Mr. Whitman Chairperson of P/Z gave the following update: Last Monday they had P/Z meeting. Prior to that meeting they had a Public Hearing. They received a letter requesting a rezone from Michael Caudle who owns a vacant piece of property on Carr Lane. He is requesting to have property rezoned from R1 to R2 to allow him to put a Tri-plex rental unit on that property. The vote that came out of P/Z was to recommend council not approve that request. A lot of the concerns had to do with the decision, the fact this would be pocket-zoning, scattered zoning no sewer he would have to do septic and there were one or two residents that came out and stated they were not in favor of that type housing in their area.

Mr. Caudle was not at the meeting nor was the person speaking on his behalf. He has received a letter notifying him that the Planning and Zoning Commission has submitted a letter to the Council recommending that they not approve the rezone. His next step would be to appeal to the Board of Adjustment. The final decision rests with the council. Mayor stated at this point it will have to come straight to the council because several of the members are no longer on the committee. She will have to work on re-appointing to that committee.

Council Member Ragland asked does ADEM check on the sewer smell in the Collier area. Mayor stated they are supposed to.

Mr. Ragland stated the smell is awful and the people living in that area do not complain. He stated with the continued growth it is going to get worse. Mayor Caudle stated we provide the number and address to anyone wanting to submit a complaint. Council Member Whitman stated complaints to ADEM can be submitted online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Madge Griffin thanked Council Member Ayers for sending out an email about the water being turned off. She stated everyone in that area (Collier) did not get the email and they were shocked when the water went off. Mayor stated as a group they tried to make sure everyone got the email.

Ms. Griffin stated she has made phone calls about the smell she does not think it is going to get any better. She has noticed the smell is also outside the city limits of Triana. She stated if Madison does not correct what they are doing it is going to get worse. She stated the problem is they do not want to spend the money to put the chemicals in the water.

Mayor Caudle stated if all members of the Council and residents from that area send emails and place calls, EPA will force them to do something. We can also send it to Madison and copy them. If Huntsville can do it Madison can too.

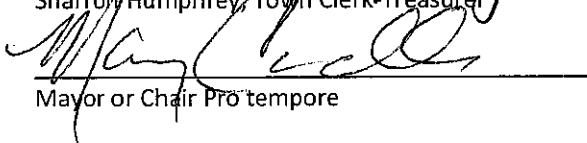
Roy Seay thanked all for texting him about the water outage. He stated the best way to let him know is to have it posted on Chanel 31, 48 and 19.

Mayor Caudles stated we will try our best to do better.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved August 22, 2022


Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor or Chair Pro tempore