

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2022
6:30p.m.

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

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

Motion by Council member Whitman to approve the minutes dated Nov. 14, 2022, with correction. Council member Hopkins seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Heating & Cooling Unit has been installed in the gym. Also, we learned that the compressor has gone out in the other gym unit. We will be having that unit repaired.

We received a letter from the City of Madison letting us know they are experiencing some labor shortage. However, they are trying to get repairs done as quick as they can. They are also running into problems with services not being ready when they come out. The building inspector has been informed to let the builder know that if the services are not ready when Madison Utilities come out, they will be charged.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported the speed cushions have been installed on Harold Murphy. He stated we had a couple of complaints on where they were installed. Mayor stated she knew we would get complaints but we had to put them somewhere. She stated the place of installation was based on the measurements.

Parks & Recreation: Mayor Caudle reported the Rec Coordinator has been notified that Council approved the changes that will take place beginning Jan. 2023, to begin charging for the afterschool program and school breaks. She stated we did not charge anything for the 1st part of the school year giving everyone a break but that we will change the 1st of 2023.

Utility: No Report

Council member Ragland stated Mr. Jones called him about a water leak on his property Sunday morning. He stated it was a water main break. He phoned Sharron who called Madison Utilities. Mayor stated Sharron called her and she approved the repair. She thanked Mr. Ragland.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins reminded everyone that sealed bids would be opened on Dec. 1st. She informed council that she will not be in attendance because she has a work commitment.

Mayor stated they are trying to finalize the budget if anyone has anything to submit to do so as soon as possible.

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported the Fire Dept. responded to 3 outside fires, 1 fire structure, 5 fire alarms and 20 emergency calls.

Police Dept traveled 1,794 miles, 46 traffic stops, 39 warning citations, 18 traffic citations, 26 calls for service, 3 arrests and 12 reports.

Mayor stated they switched up the Police Officers hours because of the holiday times to have more visibility around the town. In addition to that she had a great interview with an officer today, Chief had already interviewed him. Hoping we can bring him on board. The officer has also applied with the City of Madison.

Mayor reported that Casey came down and cleaned out the Crown Vic. One of the cars is ready for the open bids. The cars will not leave the premises until all evidence of them being police cars have been removed.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor asked the Attorney what is our next step after having sent out two letters to residents asking them to cleanup. We are now getting a lot of complaints on those areas. She asked the Attorney to meet with the council to go over the next step in the process. Attorney Caleb stated he would.

Casey Whitman, Chairperson of P&Z reported last Monday they had a public hearing for the property on Stone St. & Record. A request was submitted to rezone from Apartments to Town Homes. Had a couple of residents and neighbors to show up and give their opinions on that. That will be on the agenda for Planning and Zoning meeting in December. They will make a recommendation to the council on that.

Mailbox issue: The Crossings at Rivers Landing Phase II and Bridgemill Phase II have installed the mailbox units. Hidden River has a place under construction.

He and the Mayor had a phone call with the salesman from ADAMS Homes. They have verbally expressed giving up fighting the Post Office to get the area exempted out. They were going to install the mail box units at the pool. He stated they have asked for a letter not sure if we received it.

Mayor stated we received a letter from the HOA she declined the letter and informed them that they were not the legal entity but that they are welcome to be a part of it. She needs the letter to come from the developer and the builder stating they will get the agreement to us at the end of the week.

The developer has stated they would submit letter at a reasonable time. Mayor stated she informed them that a reasonable statement would not be good enough and gave them a time it should be done by. She stated the letter should be in by mid-December.

Mayor stated the second council meeting date is Dec 26th. Council member Hopkins made the motion to change the second meeting to Dec 27th at the same time. Council member Whitman seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Public

Frances Goggins reported it's been 8 months & 2 days and he still has not received any mail. He stated the builder and the developer have to have a written agreement with the post office.

Mayor stated in this case it will not require a letter with the post office because she is requiring them to install the mailbox in. She is working with them.

Jacob Collier a resident who just recently moved to Savannah mentioned about recent criminal activity with people walking checking door handles. He asked what was being done about it.

Mayor stated she has changed up the Police Officers schedule to accommodate the sensitive times by adding 12hr shifts

Mr. Collier stated he does land scaping for a living. He owns a trailer that's 18in. X 14ft. long and a mower that he spent \$8,000 on. He has been getting notices from police officers about parking on the side of the road. The notices state he cannot park them there. He parks in the driveway and the HOA gets on to him. He stated this is how he provides for his family. He asked council if there is anyway for him to get a permit to park in front of his house.

Mayor stated the way the Ordinance stands right now if the trailer is a certain size, you cannot park it there because of the danger navigating around it.

Council member Whitman stated based on the towns Ordinance the truck plus trailer would be over 20ft. He stated we may need to relook at the Ordinance which dates back to 2014-05.

Mayor suggested (no fix tonight) that he submit something in writing to the Council not saying it will change anything but it will bring about a discussion.

Attorney Caleb asked does the HOA have a problem with the trailer being parked in the driveway. Mr. Collier stated yes but not a problem with him it parking on the side of the road.

Mayor stated he can drop off the letter with clerk and the issue would be brought up at the next work session.

Madge Griffin asked who handles the street light at Wall Triana & Swancott. She also stated lights were out at the entrance on 6th Street and on Advent Dr.

Mayor stated street lights on 6th and Advent are ours not sure about the one on Swancott. She stated anyone can call in and report it but we will take care of 6th Street.

Council member Whitman was asked to contact Huntsville Utilities about the lights being out.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approved Dec. 12, 2022

Sharon Humphrey
Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May [Signature]
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore