

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
6:30PM

Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call:
Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Erica Hopkins – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman – Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers – Present
Mayor Mary Caudle- Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka - Absent

Members present constituted a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew present Via internet and the clerk Sharron Humphrey was present.

Approval of minutes: Councilmember Hopkins had a question about the insurance increasing to \$41,000 a year. She asked is that what we pay annually. The clerk stated that's the amount we paid this year, we had a slight increase. Mayor stated the increase could change every year. She stated we not only added cars but also sewer lift stations. This is an annual charge.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated August 28, 2023. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: We had 2 bidders for the Fire Station. They were a couple thousand different from the bid price. USDA was present at the bid opening. It has been recommended to award the bid to Chorba Contracting Construction. The Bid price is \$1.779 million.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the bid to Chorba Contracting to build the Fire Station for the total of \$1million 7 hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor stated as required, working with USDA we have to get a construction loan and pay only the interest on the construction cost. Then USDA will pay it off, we will then pay USDA. She stated she will be going to the bank with a letter from USDA stating they will pay back the loan.

Chief Powell informed her that we now have an order number and bill out date for our patrol car. Vehicle should be delivered mid-October.

We had 7 of our staff get their CPR and AED certification. Our 2-front office workers, our Rec Dept and 2 Police Officers. Our EMT's are already certified. Also, Coach Bryd and Ms. Ayers received their ADA certification along with herself.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Fire Dept responded to 1-fire, 1-fire alarm and 10 emergency calls.

Police Dept traveled 1,516 miles, made 17 traffic stops, 14 warning citations, 7 traffic citations, 38 calls for service, 3 arrests and 10 reports.

Finance: Mayor stated even if we don't have the information for the whole budget we still need to be prepared to vote on salaries.

The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 Monday, Sept. 25th and if you have not gotten your budget plans in, please send them as soon as possible.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported that the preconstruction conference for phase 2 sewer project is tomorrow morning at 9:00AM. Mayor stated any council member can attend so if they have any questions they can be answered at that time.

Councilmember Ayers asked about the mosquito spraying. Mayor stated the mosquito spray has come in they can begin volunteering now to spray.

Park and Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the following: P&R is gearing up for the registration for fall break. She stated fall break will begin Monday, Oct. 2nd through Friday Oct. 6th. She stated there are some corrections that they are working on, registration forms should be out shortly.

She would like to have a P&R Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming calendar of events. P&R Committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 29th at 5:00PM.

Also, the Triana library has a calendar of events for Sept. They had adult game night this past Friday on the 8th, paint night on Sept. 22nd and they're enjoying operation imaginary program every Tuesday.

Triana librarians working with the Huntsville Public Library system will start offering a readiness program for those kids heading into kindergarten ages 3-5. If interested they can contact the library on 256-772-9943, ask for Kim Holmes, the head librarian.

Town will pay for the cost of rental for 4 ports of potties for the Smithsonian Festival.

Councilmember Ayers stated there was a question about the bathroom in the park, she stated she did say the town was in the process of applying for a grant and that we were waiting for the award letter if awarded.

The mayor reported Homeschool P.E. is going well; they have 13 kids.

Streets & Cemetery: No Report

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor presented Ordinance 2023-02, the amendment for the speed limit sign on Wall Tiana Hwy and Landess Cir. She referenced section 3, which states the speed limit will remain the same but it's because it was not included in the original Ordinance, we needed to amend the ordinance to add that. We need to post signage.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-02 regarding speed limits. Councilmember Hopkins second the motion. Roll call: Ragland-yes, Hopkins-yes, Whitman-yes, Ayers-yes, and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Roll call: Ayers-yes, Whitman-yes, Hopkins-yes, Ragland-yes, and Caudle-yes. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Roy Seay spoke on behalf of Melvin Rogers and asked the council about the bathrooms in the park. Mayor stated we have applied for a grant but that we don't know if we have been awarded. Mr. Seay asked would there be any bids put in for that. Mayor stated if we are awarded the grant, we will have to bid the project out. You will have to go through the bid process then whoever gets the bid gets to do the construction work.

Leon Grays asked the council what the process would be if the town does not get the grant for the bathrooms. Mayor stated this will be our 2nd attempt applying for the grant. Before we applied, we were getting estimates. She stated it was hard getting someone interested because of the work involved. We will have to continue to look for funds to get the building gutted. She stated to have the engineers even look at the building would cost the town \$250,00; this would be for the whole thing.

Loretta Justice stated when she got the email it stated the event will be at the library, her concern is that they wanted the Community room. Mayor stated this room (community room) will not be large enough. She suggested the library because it will hold more people and they can use the projector and be able to mingle outside.

Therea Nelson announced that the Triana festival will be Saturday, October 21st at the park from 8 -5. She stated it's a Smithsonian Celebration. She stated they will have a 2mile run, cookoff, children's games, car show, vendors and more, everyone is invited. Mayor stated as a reminder, if there are any vendors that's selling to make sure they are not on the park side.

Mayor stated there are flyers out for the festival, she stated on the back it has where you can become a member and donate and it's asking for volunteers/ docents to assist with telling the stories of the Tennessee River, the health Clinic.

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Ate approve Sept. 25, 2023

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor
Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore