

Town of Triana Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024
6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The clerk called the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present

Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Absent
Councilmember Jason Garstka-Present

Members present constituted a quorum.

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

Motion by Councilmember Whitman to approve the minutes dated Feb. 26, 2024, Councilmember Ayers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: Everything seems to be going well.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Mayor reported Fire Dept responded to 4 outside fires, 1 structure fire, 23 fire alarms, 63 emergency calls, 1 motor vehicle accidents, 2 hazmat and 4 others.

Police Dept traveled 1,981 made, wrote 34 traffic, wrote 27 warning citations, 20 traffic citations, responded to 31 calls for service, made 4 arrests and 6 reports.

Mayor reported that we applied for and were awarded \$48,000 for a Police Equipment Grant. She stated Chief Powell will give a report on what the money will be used for.

Chief Powell reported the grant was for \$48,605.02. He stated half of that will be used to outfit the patrol car and upgrade our radio system. Please see the attached sheet for a complete list of items.

The Chief stated he forgot to include the printer mounts, \$423.00.

Mayor stated when we applied for the grant we had to submit the listed items with the application. She stated Chief gathered the quotes and that we were fortunate the items did not go up. Once we receive the letter of approval we can start ordering.

Mayor stated council has approved staff now it's time for him to get someone in here.

Chief Powell reported that there's a Madison County Organization called Cops Kids, he stated they offer scholarships to kids of Police Officers. He stated it's specifically limited to Madison, Madison County, Athens, Limestone County Sherriff and Triana. We were the only small town included.

Mayor thanked the Chief for doing a good job and for all his had work on getting what was needed for the grant.

Finance: No Report

Park & Recreation: Chairperson Ayers reported the following: Triana Warriors registration for football and Cheer is open now.

Madison City Schools is having a mental awareness wellness series starting on March 20th at 12noon.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch I scheduled for March 23. She plans to speak with Coach Byrd to confirm everything.

Historical Society is still needed volunteers for the Smithsonian event, interest parties can sign up at the library. Also, we still need volunteers to open the gym.

Streets & Cemetery: No report

Mayor stated last meeting Councilman Whitman was asked to put the equipment down to count the number of cars and speed going into Birdgemill Ave. She stated he got that done this morning. She thanked him for doing that.

Resolutions, Ordinance, Orders and Other Business:

Mayor asked everyone to be prepared to vote on the update to the Bingo Ordinance.

Attorney Caleb Ballew stated he did get the deed to the pump station recorded; he will bring it to the next meeting. He asked if there were any questions on the Bingo Ordinance to let him know.

Councilmember Whitman reported that the Gambling Bill is still working its way through the Legislature the latest news is that the Senate took out sports betting and horse racing. He stated he believes Bingo and the lottery is still included. Not sure when it will clear the Senate.

Public Comments:

None

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date Approve March 25, 2024

Sharon Humphrey

Sharon Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

May Caldwell

Mayor or Chair Pro Tempore